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I'll bet most folks collecting coins today remember the multiple-Oscar award winning 1965 musical, *The Sound of Music*. It was a block-buster. Block. Buster.

But how many of you know that there are coins that celebrate and commemorate song festivals, especially in three specific Baltic countries? Heck, I didn't even know there were such things as song festivals until Tom Fitzgerald submitted this month's *Through the Numismatic Glass* column. Go to page 18 and read up on both song festivals in general as well as their connection to one of the most award-winning musicals around.

I'll bet you're already humming along with, "The hills are alive..."

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Presidents' Messages

NASC...

Here we are in 2009. The economy is going south, yet the coin market is still going strong. At Long Beach, I saw better-date and key collector coins in all conditions in demand. Also saw interest in nice AU coins. Collectors are still seeking items. Numismatics remains a great hobby with a strong following. Gold is rebounding and silver is steady, though down from several months ago.

NASC's annual dues submittals are coming in very well with many opting for the multiyear renewals. If you have not yet sent in your dues, please do so. NASC needs your participation. Thanks to all for showing your support to NASC and numismatics. If you know someone who may want to join NASC, give them an application. Membership can also be a great gift idea to youngsters or a friend who likes the hobby.

The NASC Gold Drawing Tickets are printed and out to the member clubs. Please support your clubs and NASC by buying chances to win the 25 gold coins. This is still the best fund raiser for coin clubs. For every ticket (4-chances) sold at $4.00; the club gets $2.00 for its treasury. If you or your club need more tickets, e-mail me at tony_micciche@yahoo.com and I will get them to you.

As I write this article, it reminds me that each of you can participate by writing articles to TCN. We are always looking for good articles to put into TCN. Give it a try. I know that a lot of you are great story tellers. Share your tales and knowledge with other numismatists.

NASC will be busy this year with the ANA show in Los Angeles on August 5-9, 2009, just before the GSCS in Arcadia on August 22-23, 2009. We will have a club table at ANA and could use your help for a couple of hours on various days. More on that in the next issue. Save the dates and join us for lots of fun and fellowship.

Tony Micciche
NASC President

Well, he needs his organic vitamins!

CSNA...

Michael's Musings

Well, CSNAers, as your newly installed president, it would seem not the proper commencement with my first *President's Message* to begin with a negative tone. However, as a president, one is required *to lead*, in the best of times and in the worst of times.

Our exemplary Corresponding Secretary Stephen M. Huston has just informed me that a longtime coin club member of our association voted to resign.

Resignations and failure to renew are common in all types and levels of organizations. These are "part and parcel" of the constant need to recruit new members. One resignation in itself does not spell disaster and demise; however, one is enough for your new president to wonder and share his concern with you. Coupled with this news was an additional statistical finding that of new members joining our association we seem to lose them within two to three years of joining.

These facts compel me to believe somewhere, somehow, some way, and some times we are failing or have failed our membership, both individuals and clubs. I hate to pronounce such a strong verb as *fail*; yet, a parallel strong verb is also *resign*.

This brings me to the enclosed survey. CSNAers, here is your chance to express your wants and wishes to our association and its governing board of directors. It is through this survey—the first-ever comprehensive polling of our membership—that CSNA might chart long-range strategic goals and plans.

Help CSNA help you!

Your comments and correspondence would be always welcomed.

Remember: have fun with your hobby! Always serve others! Enjoy your collecting! And, create hope!

Michael S. Turrini
CSNA President

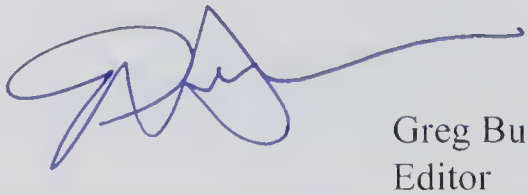
Editor's Page

Greetings to our first issue for 2009. It's a new year and I hope yours is shaping up better than the domestic and global financial markets.

I want to start off by soliciting a volunteer from the crowd (notice that I'm pointing to *you*.) Due to the workload of his new position as CSNA president, Michael Turrini has asked for someone to step forward and take over his duties as club reporter for the north. The job entails receiving copies of club newsletters (they send them to you) and summarizing for each club a few of the highlights of their activities and members during the quarter. I'll provide a *style guide* to help you with the format of our writing, but I do need someone who can use a computer to generate their copy (it helps me cut-and-paste without having to retype anything.) Interested? Send me an e-mail and let's talk.

This TCN is chock-full of goodies. We have photo reports of both the CSNA convention as well as the NASC awards banquet. Each had some events of interest and I hope you look over the photos. Do you know the rather famous painting *The Kiss* by Gustav Klimt (pictured at right along the 2003, 100-euro gold coin which commemorated it)? Well, I want you to scan through the San Jose photos and see if there isn't one there that is somehow reminiscent of that famous work.

Of course there are a lot of other interesting items in this issue, thanks to the hard-working talented cadre of authors we keep in our stables. Would you like to join their ranks? It's easy, just write about those items that interest you. You just might get published. And who knows, I bet you find it far more satisfying than following the stock market each day.



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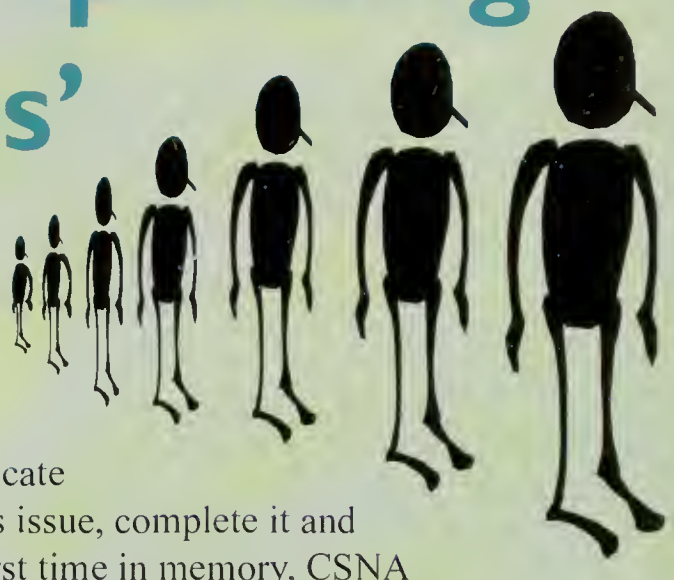

CSNA—
by Stephen Huston

All CSNA members are urged to locate the survey bound into the center of this issue, complete it and return it as soon as possible. For the first time in memory, CSNA is polling its membership about programs and membership benefits to determine what our members most want from the association. This survey is part of a hard look at how our organization spends its time, energy, and funds. We want to provide the best services possible for our members, but most members don't say much. It's time for that to change!

Please take the survey now. You could win one of several gold coins for responding promptly.

The dues increase which I warned of in the previous issue took effect in January. Our current rates are listed on the CSNA Membership Application printed elsewhere in this issue. Annual dues for most members went up by just $5, and there are still some multi-year discounts available.

Keep in mind that CSNA collects less in dues each year than the cost of producing *The California Numismatist* alone. CSNA membership remains a bargain.

New membership applications with the current rates are on CSNA's website, including a new membership brochure. They are available as PDF files which you can print to sponsor new members. Go to www.calcoin.org to download and print any of them.

And... please complete your CSNA membership survey now!

NASC—
by Harold Katzman

An extensive dues mailing was done the end of December to all regular members and clubs. A letter was included to inform the membership of the new dues fees and the reason why NASC raised the dues. Everyone was offered one last chance to renew at the old rates with a January 31, 2009, cutoff date.

In addition about 30 expired members were also sent dues notices. I expected a majority of the renewals to be the 5-year option followed by the 3-year. Well the 3-years won out. One new sustaining member was added. In addition, 4 expired members rejoined.

The following members have been dropped for nonpayment of dues: Jason

Campus, J. Trowbridge, Mahendra Parekh, Jeff Oxman, and David Shioji.

The following members have not renewed: Laguna Woods Coin Club, Israel Falkovos, William Tubias, Henri Heller, Walter Lubell, David Pekarck, James Phillips, Cole Schenewerk, Greg Schenewerk, Torrey Schenewerk, Richard Hopp, and Glendale Coin Club. These 12 members will get a second dues notice at the higher rate. If we can get these renewed, we will have 100% renewals.

The following came back with bad addresses and are being researched: T. Ron Vered, Bay Cities Coin Club, Douglas Pryor & Santa Barbara Coin Club.

Here are the 25- and 50-year members for 2009:

25 year members: Chester Brezensky SM-398, Roy Iwata R-2645, Robert Jane SM-366, and Ken Kusumoto SM-381.

50 year members: Irene Azriel SM-388, Robert Johnson SM-41, Jay Kay SM-42, Culver City Coin Club R-308, and Glendale Coin Club R-363 (dues not paid for 2009.)

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CSNA Summary on February 15, 2009

Regular Members	364
Associate Members	20
Junior Members	3
Life Members	152
Clubs	28
Club-Life	13
CSNA Total Membership	580

NASC Membership as of February 14, 2009

Regular	89
Club	24
Sustaining	159
Life	15
NASC Total Membership	287

Dear Members—Please Note!

If you've moved, please help us keep our addresses up to date. Take a moment to drop us a short note to ensure that you keep getting your copy of *The California Numismatist*:

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First Coins of Stoltenhoff Island Feature Sailing Ships

by Joel Anderson

An eight coin set dated 2008 featuring sailing ships was recently released for Stoltenhoff Island. The coins are the first coins ever issued for the island. Stoltenhoff Island is part of the Tristan da Cunha group, located in the South Atlantic Ocean. The coins were struck by The Commonwealth Mint under the authority of the administrator of Tristan da Cunha. The coins are legal-tender throughout the Tristan da Cunha group. The coins will probably not see much circulation, as Stoltenhoff Island is currently

uninhabited; however, royalties from the sales of the coins help finance essential government services for Tristan da Cunha, such as such as Camogli Hospital and St Mary's School.

The obverse of each coin features Queen Elizabeth. The coins have plain edges. The reverses of each coin features sailing ships that played an important roll in the history of Tristan da Cunha.

Included in the set is a 38.6mm copper-nickel 1 crown picturing the ship *L'Heure du Berger*. This was the first ship to survey the group of 5 islands in the Tristan archipelago. The results of the survey were published by Royal Navy Hydrographer Alexander Dalrymple in 1781.

The bi-metallic 25 pence is 25.6mm and has a copper-nickel outer ring and a brass center plug. It pictures the iron barque *West Riding*. The ship was on its way from Bristol to Sydney, Australia when it called at Tristan for fresh water and became caught up in the worst disaster in the island's recorded history. Fifteen men from Tristan perished trying to get to the *West Riding* in search of desperately needed provisions for the starving islanders. This disaster is also reflected on the 1/2 pence coin.

Above: the eight coin set of the Stoltenhoff Island showing the various reverses.

Opp. page: the obverse common to all of the coins in the set against a map of the Tristan da Cunha island group.

The 22mm brass 20 pence features the *HMS Satellite*. This was the brig of war which brought Alexander Cotton of Hull (aka John Taylor), successor to William Glass, as the second governor of Tristan to the island to settle on June 21, 1821, along with John Mooney and deserting sailor Kenneth McIntosh.

The copper-nickel 10 pence is 22mm in diameter and pictures the *Blenden Hall*. The 450 tonne East Indiaman on its way to Bombay struck the breakers on the NW side of Inaccessible Island in a dense fog on the 23rd of July, 1821. All souls survived, although the master and a sailor were killed on the reefs trying to get to the coast by swimming. The survivors spend several months living in improvised tents eating fish, seabirds and penguins. They made a makeshift boat with which the ship's carpenter and nine men sailed to Tristan and returned the next day accompanied by the Governor of Tristan, William Glass in his two boats and by November 12th,

A sense of the isolation of the Tristan island group can be had from this 1824 painting by Augustus Earle, painted when he was stranded for eight months on the main island.

all remaining survivors had been taken to Tristan.

The famed *HMS Beagle* is on the16.8mm copper-nickel 5 pence. On 26 March, 1824, artist Augustus Earle arrived at the island on board the *Duke of Gloucester* and "Hoping to be able to add a few interesting drawings to my portfolio, as this was a spot hitherto unvisited by any artist..." was granted permission to spend one day ashore painting. Unfortunately, a sudden gale blew up, the *Duke of Gloucester* was forced out to sea and continued it's journey without him. His one day outing turned into eight months during which he was stranded with only his painting equipment and the clothes he stood up in. He was taken in by Governor Glass and his wife and spent his time on the island as clergyman and teacher. He later became famous when he joined Charles Darwin aboard *HMS Beagle* as his artist and passed by the islands once again on the leg from Cape Town to Saint Helena. He painted several canvasses of the island and island life.

The 22mm copper 2 pence features the *HMS Julia*. HM sloop of war *Julia* with 95 crew on board became the victim of the island's first major tragedy when as a result of a sudden gale she foundered on what subsequently became known as the Julia Reef on 2 October, 1817, with the loss of 50 officers and men.

The 18.4mm copper 1 pence features a Portuguese carrack captained by Tristao da Cunha. The ship was part of a 13 ship fleet on its way from Lisbon to India via the Cape of Good Hope. However, a violent storm dispersed his fleet and da Cunha's ship was blown far south where he came across the islands which still bear his name.

The 16.8 copper 1/2 pence pictures a longboat from the *West Riding* tragedy. In the afternoon of November 27, 1885, the island's worst ever recorded disaster happened when the iron barque *West Riding* called at Tristan for water. Following the failure of the potato harvest and driven by a great need for provisions, 19 men took to their new life-boat and set out into very rough seas to try and intercept the ship. But just as they approached the *West Riding* the boat was overcome by a sudden violent squall and sank, drowning all but four of its crew. The *West Riding* is pictured on the 25 pence coin.

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Viewed from Nightingale Island, Stoltenhoff Island is to the left and Middle Island shown on the right. The islands are in the south Atlantic and are part of the Tristan da Cunha group of islands, a dependency of the British Overseas Territory of Saint Helena, 1,350 miles to the north, which aside from the 300 inhabitants on Tristan, is the closest *inhabited locale. This makes Tristan the remotest inhabited archipelago in the world.*

The Smithsonian's Buffaloes

By Len Ratzman

Like so many rewarding discoveries, this one started out with a simple search on the Internet for the Smithsonian Institute's Web site: info@si.edu.

In all probability, I was never going to make it the 3,000 miles from LA to Washington, DC to visit the Smithsonian's coin collections, so I decided that the next best thing was viewing my favorite buffalo nickels on the institution's Web site.

The first mild surprise came when I learned that the coin collections weren't housed at the Smithsonian proper at all, but rather in the National Museum of American History's Kenneth E. Behring Center.

The second surprise/disappointment came when I first started surfing the Web in 2007 only to learn that the building housing the collections was closed from 2006 to November, 2008, for renovation.

Right on schedule the opening occurred, and keying in *http://americanhistory.si.edu/collections* in December of last year brought me to the starting point that had been unavailable for two years.

Once the page is displayed, there are two boxes you need to fill out before you finally get to the "goodies." The first box entitled *Keyword* I filled with (no surprise) "buffalo nickels". The box below it (defaulting to "All Subjects") has to be modified by clicking on the pull-down arrow which displays a menu containing our ultimate goal – "Coins and Currency." By clicking on *Go*, the next screen will finally display various photographs of some of the collection's coins.

It was probably naive to hope that every coin in the collection would be registered and available for viewing. When only the 1913 raised-mound buffalo was displayed, the crusader in me predictably triggered the motivation to try to determine why the entire collection wasn't displayed, coin-by-coin. Was the collection even complete?

After a series of forwarded e-mails, I finally heard from the senior

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curator of numismatics at the National Museum of Natural History, Mr. Richard Doty. It should be noted here that without Mr. Doty's informative e-mail responses over the next few weeks, none of this article's contents would have been possible. His perseverance and patience with my flood of questions should be recognized and gratefully noted.

For those readers who weren't already aware of the facts surrounding the Smithsonian's Buffalo Nickel collection, the following assumptions/facts pairings are offered:

Assumption #1—The collection is complete.

Fact #1—Although most of the coins are in various levels of uncirculated condition, there are five uncirculated coins missing altogether and 4 proof coins yet to be acquired even after all these years the collection has existed.

Fact #1a—Missing Uncirculated:

1913-S, type 1
1916-P, double die obverse
1920-S
1926-S and D

Fact #1b—Missing proofs:

1914, 1915, 1936 and 1937

Assumption #2—All specimens in the collection are uncirculated, have been registered, and given MS and PF grades.

Fact #2—None of the coins are registered because of the cost to do so and the low priority assigned to the need to grade them. In addition, several of the specimens in the collection are even less than uncirculated. Graded by Mr. Doty, the specimens in the collection that are not uncirculated include:

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The Smithsonian Institute was funded by a bequest from James Smithson (portrait medal at right). Smithson, an Englishman living in Italy, never visited the United States, yet left a mysterious and considerable bequest in his will for the funding of the institute that would bear his name.

1914-D – XF45
1916-S – AU50
1918-P – XF40
1918-D – XF40 with pitting
1918-D over 17 – Fine 25
1918-S – XF45
1925-S – AU55
1937-D, 3-legged variety – AU50

In an e-mail, Mr. Doty explains, "We do have a set of Buffalo nickels, but lacking a few coins and varieties. Most of the coins are mint state, but their precise condition is largely irrelevant to us for purposes of research. In time, I'd hope that we can display the entire series on-line. But with 1.6 million (numismatic) objects spanning six continents over twenty-six hundred years, and with (only) two full-time employees to handle the lot, it may take a while."

Assumption #3—The collection is on display for visitors to view.

Fact #3—Because of the lack of funding to create acceptable minimum-security standards, the collection is housed in the Smithsonian Institute's coin vault, not available to view by the public. In another explanatory e-mail, Mr. Doty explains, "I have to tell you we're not admitting members of the public to the coin vault where most stuff is stored. We don't have the manpower to meet minimum security requirements."

Assumption #4—All coins in the collection came from the same source.

Fact #4—Mr. Doty explains, "The coins came from a variety of sources—most from the Treasury (i.e. Mint), some from individual donors, and occasionally from who-knows-where (we use [the code] FIC, *Found in Collection*, to identify such mavericks."

Assumption #5—The staff in the museum responsible for the countless numismatic objects stored there is large.

Fact #5—At the present time there are only *two* individuals in this group—Mr. Doty and one full-time assistant. The curator laments, "The size of my staff has shrunk from 12 in 1986 when I arrived to just two in 2009."

How satisfying it would be for some numismatic philanthropist to "go down in history" for being known for his or her donations to the Smithsonian which would bring the collection that much closer to completion? What an enviable legacy that gesture would leave the numismatic community.

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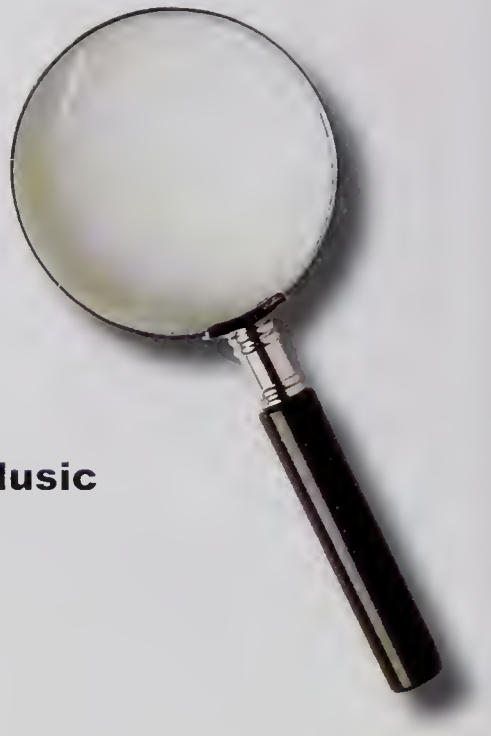

The Hills are Alive with the Sound of Music

by Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald

Song Festival Coins

Georg Ritter von Trapp (1880-1947) met and married Agathe Whitehead in 1910. During World War I, while still a young navy captain, von Trapp was put in command of the submarine U-6. As a result of the defeat of the Austro-Hungarian Empire in World War I, Austria no longer had a coast and therefore no longer had a navy. Not only had he lost his command and his career as a naval officer, but also in 1922 Agathe died leaving Georg the responsibility of raising the eight children.

Maria Augusta Kutschera (1905-1987) had entered Nonnberg Abbey, a Benedictine convent in Salzburg Austria, intending to become a nun. While still a novice, she was asked to teach one of Captain von Trapp's children. Maria left the convent and married von Trapp in 1927. The family first performed at the Salzburg Festival in 1935 and became a popular touring act. Unlike the movie, well before the annexation of Austria by Hitler's Germany in 1938, in 1927 the family moved to Italy and later to the United States.

Maria's book, *The Story of the Trapp Family Singers*, was published in 1949. It was later adapted into the very successful musical by Rodgers and Hammerstein, "The Sound of Music."

Song Festivals

Music festivals are known throughout the world. This writer, as a student at UCLA, participated in such a festival called the "Spring Sing." The various sororities and fraternities at the university formed singing ensembles that performed at the Hollywood Bowl for various prizes.

Music festivals, particularly song festivals, were important events for centuries in Europe. In an age before radio, recordings and other electronic media, these events brought together traditional folk groups that celebrated the customs and culture associated with nationalism and patriotism.

Left: a photo of Georg von Trapp circa 1915.

Below: another photo of Georg von Trapp circa 1945.

Below left: one of the most famous musicals of the last century, The Sound of Music.

This was particularly important in a geographical area known as the Baltic Nations. There, song festivals had existed since the 18th century. All three Baltic nations have issued coins celebrating these musical events. This article describes these festivals and the commemorative coins.

The Estonian Song Festivals

The Estonian song festivals that began in 1869 reflected a national pride as the people attended these events that were held throughout the country. This nationalism resulted in their resistance to the attempts of the government to control the people, including the Communist Soviet Union. The results of their efforts to gain their independence and freedom were realized in 1989.

Estonia's first coinage, during a brief period of independence (1918-1941) following World War I, included the first coins commemorating their song festivals. This piece, for the 10th Singing Festival, was a silver Kroon (KM14). The obverse bears the traditional three Czech lions within a shield, wreath and date. The reverse shows a large harp with the date and denomination.

In 1999 Estonia issued another coin honoring the festival. This brass piece, a Kroon (KM36), has a bird above the date on the obverse and the festival building and denomination on the reverse.

Latvia Song Festivals

The song festivals of Latvia had a long and close association with their struggles to gain freedom and independence. Their country had been under the control of first the Germans and then the Soviet Russians. Latvia declared their independence from the Soviet Union on August 22, 1991.

The Latvian song festivals celebrated their national pride and preserved their culture. These song festivals can be traced back to 1873 when 45 choirs, made up of 1,017 singers, took part.

In 2008 Latvia struck a commemorative coin to recognize the importance of the Song Festival in the history of their country. There are both proof and circulating strikes of this coin with identical designs. The obverse carries a woman dressed in a native costume, holding wildflowers and plants that are traditionally gathered for the festival. In the background is the verse from a traditional Latvian folk song, "Blow Wind." The name of the country and date are around the rim.

A man holding a wreath and dressed in a Latvian costume that was traditionally worn during the festival is on the reverse. Seen in the background is the verse from another Latvian folksong "The Castle of Light" and the denomination 1-lats. The edge bears an inscription from another folk song "Today We Celebrate Song." The uncirculated version is struck on copper-nickel planchets and the proof version is silver.

Song Festivals of Lithuania

Lithuania is located on the eastern shore of the Baltic Sea and borders Latvia on the north and Poland and

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Russia on the southwest. In 1795 Lithuania came under Russian rule and, following World War I, declared its independence under German protection. In 1940 Lithuania was annexed by the Soviet Union only to be occupied by German forces. In 1990 the country declared its independence from the Soviet Union, the first Baltic State to take this action.

The tradition of a Lithuanian song festival came many years after those of Estonia and Latvia. The first Lithuanian song festival took place shortly after World War I on August 24-25, 1924, in Kaunas. A copper-nickel commemorative 10 Litu (KM96) coin dated 1994 was struck for this song festival. The obverse bears the national arms and denomination. The reverse shows a native stringed musical instrument. Skriskit Skaiscios Dainos designed the coin.

Limitations

It should be noted there are many music and song festivals that take place throughout the world. These range from those associated with barbershop quartettes and ensembles to those that include gospel singers, instrumental ensembles and full choruses. There are also many coins produced honoring music and all aspects of musical performances. This article is limited to the song festivals of the three Baltic nations.

A colorful Lithuanian song festival.

The 2¢ Penny?

by Len Ratzman

Kudos to Congress!! They've done it again!

When the public was advised earlier that the cost of copper had risen so much that it was costing almost two cents to stamp out each penny, the burning question was, "What is Congress going to do about that inequity?" Along with similar cost imbalances for the mint's production of nickels, our representatives passed a law on May 8, 2008, that will automatically save us an estimated $500,000,000 by the year 2019 (*Coin Modernization & Taxpayer Savings Act of 2008*, HR 5512).

Because of historical significance and numismatic value, this new law exempts the 2009 cents because that represents the bicentennial anniversary of Lincoln's birth. So, in 2010, you can expect the penny and nickel to contain a different alloy "formula" than is currently used.

In order to save those millions of dollars in production costs, the more drastic alternative was simply to stop making pennies and nickels and let the billions of them already in circulation suffice.

Congress, of course, wouldn't be establishing a precedent by halting minting. After all (and for much different reasons), the two-cent piece and half-dime were discontinued in 1873, the three-cent piece in 1889, and the twenty-cent piece in 1878. Most of us weren't around in those days to protest, but I'm sure Congress had excellent justifications for "retiring" these coins.

Changing the alloy formula, of course, also made us more aware of the on-going war effort when the steel cents of 1943 and the wartime nickels of '42-45 found there way into our pockets.

For those readers who haven't already seen that new law in detail, simply key in the following to display the entire bill: www.opencongress.org/bill/110-h5512/text.

Keep in mind, however, that the bill, although passed by the House of Representatives on 5/8/08, is still pending and not yet a law. A representative in customer operations of the mint in Washington warned in a response to an inquiry about the law,

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"For this bill to become law, it must pass both the House of Representatives and the Senate, and then get signed by the president. This bill was voted on by the House of Representatives on May 8, 2008, and is currently pending. There is, unfortunately no estimated time frame when the bill will be passed into law." (Customer Operations, US Mint, Washington D.C., response letter, 9/18/08.)

Numismatic Luminary

by Jim Hunt

Our numismatic luminary was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. He became a U.S. citizen by virtue of his mother's citizenship. He came to California in 1970, a year after he was introduced to the numismatic hobby in Hawaii. As you can see, this fellow has traveled. With 23 ½ years in the U.S. Air Force, you bet he's traveled. He married in 1956 at F. E. Warren Air Force Base in Wyoming and his daughter, Julie, was born in England. Julie, incidentally, is married and has a son who is currently a senior at California State University, San Bernardino. By now, you've probably guessed, our numismatic luminary is Bill Grant. The lady he married in Wyoming is none other than Freddie Grant. Bill also has a brother, now living in Arizona, who is a navy retiree. Following retirement from the Air Force in 1977 as a Master Sergeant, Bill graduated from San Bernardino Valley College in 1981.

Bill started collecting coins in Hawaii after a co-worker sold him a 1968 proof set. His other brother, who happened to be a coin collector, visited him in Hawaii about that same time and became a major influence on Bill's entry into the numismatic hobby.

Postal scales were on Bill's collection menu for a number of years. His major areas of interest, however, are medals of Charles A. Lindbergh, Apollo XI, and the Wright Brothers. His collection of Lindbergh medals is about as complete as any Lindbergh medal collection can be. My guess is that it is probably one of the very best if not *the* very best in existence. He also collects other memorabilia relating to Charles A. Lindbergh. Those of you that know Bill well, know what an important role aerospace plays in his life.

Since 1969, Bill has been involved with many numismatic organizations. He joined the ANA in 1969 while in Hawaii, having won a membership as a door prize. He joined CSNA in 1974 and converted to life member in 2004. He also joined NASC in 1974 and was awarded life membership in 1995. He is currently a life member of the San Bernardino County Coin Club (SBCCC) and also belongs to the California Exonumist Society (CES), Upland Coin Club, Covina Coin Club, and the Hemet Numismatists. He has served as president and vice president of CSNA, NASC, COIN, CES, as well as president of SBCCC, Upland Coin Club, and the Hemet Numismatists. He is currently president of the C.A.L./N-X-211 Collectors Society (Charles A. Lindbergh collectors organization),treasurer of CES and also a board member of the Hemet and Upland coin clubs.

Bill has received many awards over the years. He received the Numismatic Ambassador award in 1999.

Bill Grant has emceed at the NASC Awards Banquet several times. His sense of humor keeps the audience rolling on the floor.

Anthony Swiatek presented him with the ANA President's Award, which Bill noted was awarded to both he and Freddie. He received NASC's Richard P. Goodson Award in 1996 and CSNA's Medal of Merit in 1991. In 1998 he was awarded Life Membership #5 in the San Bernardino County Coin Club and the Fred Coops Jr. Medal of Merit by the same organization in 1993. Bill received the Murray Singer Memorial Award from NASC in 2002. The Hemet Numismatists awarded both Bill and Freddie the Helen Trumpower Award in 2007. Bill said that the two most important numismatic honors he has ever received are being made the honorary general chairman of the 2009 ANA convention in Los Angeles and the Numismatic Ambassador Award. Bill noted that all awards are meaningful.

Bill has contributed to numismatic education as an author, exhibitor, and speaker. He has published articles on Charles A. Lindbergh and Apollo XI medals. Bill won a 1st Place Award in the medals category at the ANA in 1990 and has won best of show awards at GSCS and CSNA for Lindbergh exhibits. In addition to many presentations at local coin clubs, Bill made a presentation on *Charles A. Lindbergh Medals and Memorabilia* at the 38th Annual CSNA Educational Symposium in 2006. Another achievement worthy of mention is Bill's work in designing medals for CSNA, NASC, and SBCCC.

Bill noted that coin collecting has to be the greatest hobby of them all. There is so much to learn from history and geography associated with coins and medals. "I would encourage young people to get involved in coin collecting for fun, enjoyment, and an investment for the future".

Redwood Empire Coin Club

California Club Celebrates 60th Year Milestone

by Walt Ostromecki, NLG

It seems, in this current time of financial uncertainty, that most people have saving money on their minds. Nowhere is this more evident than with the members of the Redwood Empire Coin Club (RECC) in Santa Rosa. While many households and individuals are solely focused on investment and returns, club members are also interested in the history, study, promotion and preservation of the numismatic hobby for future generations.

The RECC celebrated its 60th anniversary February 19-21 with a weekend of festivities that started with a two-day coin show, a special gold coin drawing, a commemorative 60th anniversary medal and wooden nickel set, a comprehensive club history booklet developed by Charlie Catlett and a Saturday evening membership dinner and social affair. The highlight of the evening following the dinner was the presentation of a 60-year ANA club membership recognition award and proclamation issued by ANA President Barry Stuppler and presented on his behalf by ANA Governor Walt Ostromecki. Accepting the special honor was RECC President Merle Avila and Vice President Lee Gong.

Said Avila upon accepting the ANA award, "It's a wonderful occasion. Not very many coin clubs can boast of having been around for sixty years! It is a time for memories, appreciation, and a renewed dedication to the spirit, which over the years has made such an impact upon numismatics. It is also a time for moving forward, soaring and keeping the spirit alive in the next sixty years."

Gong added, "Our founding fathers along with our current membership have and continue to leave a lasting numismatic legacy not only in the Santa Rosa community, but throughout the entire Northern California numismatic scene as well!"

And what an enthusiastic hobby spirit and numismatic legacy indeed since RECC's first small "founding-get-together" on March 26, 1949, organized by Henry T. Wrede. He sent out the following simple letter to prospective individuals: "It occurs to me it is about time that Sonoma County and the Redwood Empire region have its own *numismatic club*, so I am writing you to find out whether you would be interested in joining such a club." And, thus the RECC was founded with 18 charter members.

What is the most outstanding club distinction? Well, according to member Steve Titmus, "That's easy, having

RECC President Merle Avila (left) accepts ANA 60th Anniversary Certificate from ANA Governor Walt Ostromecki.

two, yes two, 1894-S Barber dimes at one meeting. How many coin clubs have had that distinction?"

The story of how this actually happened at RECC goes like this. In 1954, San Francisco coin dealer Earl Parker (RECC member #10), purchased the remaining two Hallie family specimens. He then priced the dimes at $2,000 dollars each. A very young Q. David Bowers was interested. They met, but Bowers turned him down! However, in 1957, Bowers created a media sensation when he purchased another 1894-S dime for the then-unheard of price of $4,750 dollars. So, one night shortly thereafter, Parker drove up to attend an RECC meeting to see if he could sell the two specimens. But, no one at the meeting was able to come up with the $2,000 each price tag. But, for one glorious night two beautiful 1894-S dimes were at the meeting! That's 1/12 of the entire mintage, folks!

Today, the RECC's mission since its inception, *To Encourage and Promote an Interest in Numismatics*, has continued to be its primary focus. Current membership stands at 172, which includes an active junior core of 33 under the guidance of Lee Gong. The junior members meet one hour before the regular adult meeting. Among adults, there are well-versed collectors in almost every numismatic area. The meetings are both educational and social in nature. The monthly auction is very spirited. It is one of the best ways for members and guests to buy and sell coins.

The club is proud to include many honored and well known local and national hobbyists: Stephen Album, internationally known author and expert of Islamic coins; Gordon Donnell, a foremost wooden-money collector and active numismatic hobby promoter; Lee Gong, AKA "Mr. CONECA" one of the countries foremost authorities on error coins; Jan Henke, a medal collector specialist; Walt Ostromecki, youth numismatic education advocate and a current ANA governor; Mike Stanley, avid Seated Liberty design coin collector and national numismatic volunteer; and Mike Turrini, Iowa commemorative half-dollar researcher and current CSNA president.

The RECC's 60th anniversary coin show was another huge success with more than 600 attending the two-day event. Dealers reported "fair" sales with the hot market items being collector type material grading VF to XF, paper money, and US gold coinage. The educational youth's activities hosted by ANA Governor Ostromecki included a "What is Money" educational program; Statehood Quarter trivia challenge, and a ten-stop Money Hunt activity.

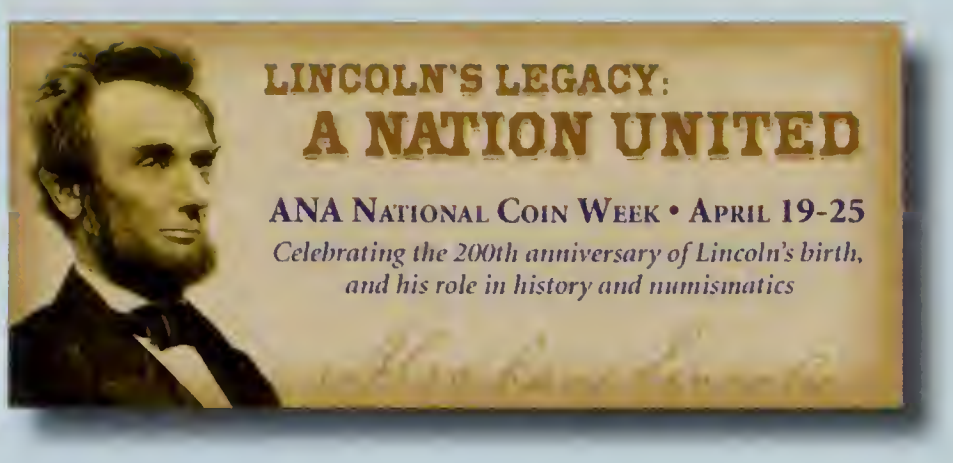
ANA Report

by Jim Hunt

The ANA is preparing for the 2009 National Money Show in Portland, Oregon, scheduled for March 13 to 15 at the Oregon Convention Center. The show will include both technical and collector series seminars before the show and workshops during the show. The pre-show seminars will require a fee and registration while the workshops will require only registration. A complete list of topics and times are available at www.money.org. The Friendship Luncheon will be held at Huber's, Portland's oldest restaurant. The convention medal features an obverse based on the Panama Pacific International Exposition $50 gold coin. The reverse is based on the obverse of the Oregon Trail Commemorative half dollar. The price for both is $55, $40 for the silver proof, and $15 for the copper proof. Shipping is included in the prices.

The ANA is still having to deal with the legal expenses incurred prior to and stemming from previous times. Legal fees have drained a huge amount of money from the organization and continue to mount despite the board's best efforts to control them. In addition, the Phoenix show in 2008 produced a $96,000 loss and it has - determined that the summer seminars the past few years have been subsidizing each student to the tune of about $300. The ANA is looking at all its options for saving money and hopes to recover from its money problems with recovery perhaps another fiscal year away. Many generous donations have been made to the ANA which has been very helpful.

Every year during the third full week of April, the ANA and its members celebrate National Coin Week with exhibits, educational resources, presentations and other activities at civic centers, libraries and schools to let the world know about the joys of collecting and studying coins and other forms of money. See www.money.org for more info <click on the "Numismatic Events" button near the top of the page.>



Lincoln's Legacy will be the theme of National Coin Week (April 19-25) this year. It is such an appropriate theme given that this year is the 200th anniversary of Lincoln's birth and the 100th anniversary of the Lincoln Cent. If you wish to participate in National Coin Week, contact the ANA at (719) 482-9814, at ncw@money.org via e-mail, or visit the ANA website.

As many of you know, the ANA lost one of its icons with the death of Adna G. Wilde. A retired Lt. Col. in the army, Wilde served the ANA as president, executive director, board member, parliamentarian, and treasurer. He had served the ANA in many capacities for a period of 40 years, most recently as treasurer. His ANA awards include the Farren Zerbe Award, Medal of Merit, Exemplary Service Awards, Lifetime Achievement Award, Numismatist of the Year, and in 2002, he was enshrined in the ANA Numismatic Hall of Fame. Born in Vicksburg, Mississippi, following his army service, he moved to Colorado Springs where he lived for the past 40 years. Everyone who knew him said he was an outstanding gentleman who will be sorely missed.

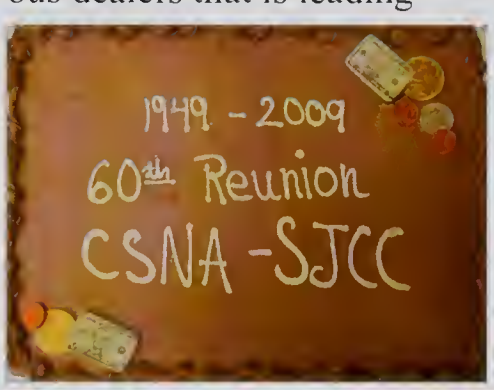
Remember that this year's World's Fair of Money will be held August 5-9 at the Los Angeles Convention Center. More to come with the next ANA Report.

The late Adna G. Wilde, ANA "hard-worker" par excellence.

CSNA San Jose Convention Report

The CSNA convention was held in San Jose on January 23-25 at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds. This was the second year at this location, and the experience was much improved. However, the San Jose Coin Club (hosts and organizers of the show) have received strong inputs from various dealers that is leading them to look at possible alternatives for 2010. Keep your fingers crossed!

Much of the details of the Saturday evening banquet and awards were captured in photos, so since a picture is supposedly "worth a thousand words," I'll let the images on these pages give the rest of the report... GB



Left: it appeared that the 2009 convention recalled a similar event sixty years ago in 1949. It was a delicious way of marking the occasion. I love chocolate!

Below: the congenial crowd settled in early for some delightful conversation in happy anticipation of the banquet menu which included Texas BBQ ribs, smoked chicken, and Memphis-style pork shoulder, etc.

Above: once the eating started however, congeniality gave way to the serious study of the delicious food. Good thing everyone had worked up a good appetite on the bourse floor!

Left: Ken Barr receiving his 25-year membership award from CSNA President Freddie Grant.

Dan Shattuc quickly followed Ken to receive his *25-year membership award. Seems there were quite a few folks that joined in 1983 and decided to stick around. Probably knew we were going to be having Armadillo Willy's BBQ for the banquet on their anniversary.*

Standing up for the Northrop Grumman Coin Club and receiving their 25-year membership award is member Phil Iversen. All told there were 12 members who achieved this distinction, but only these three were present to receive their awards. Congratulations!

Kay Edgerton Lenker (r.) receives her 50-year membership award from Grant. CSNA had some catching up to do at this banquet, honoring 50-year memberships from the last three years (guess we were a little late with some of them.) Out of the seven memberships eligible for the honor, only Kay and the following two were able to be present to pick up their awards.

Ken Spindler, representing Coineers Coin Club, receives their 50-year membership award.

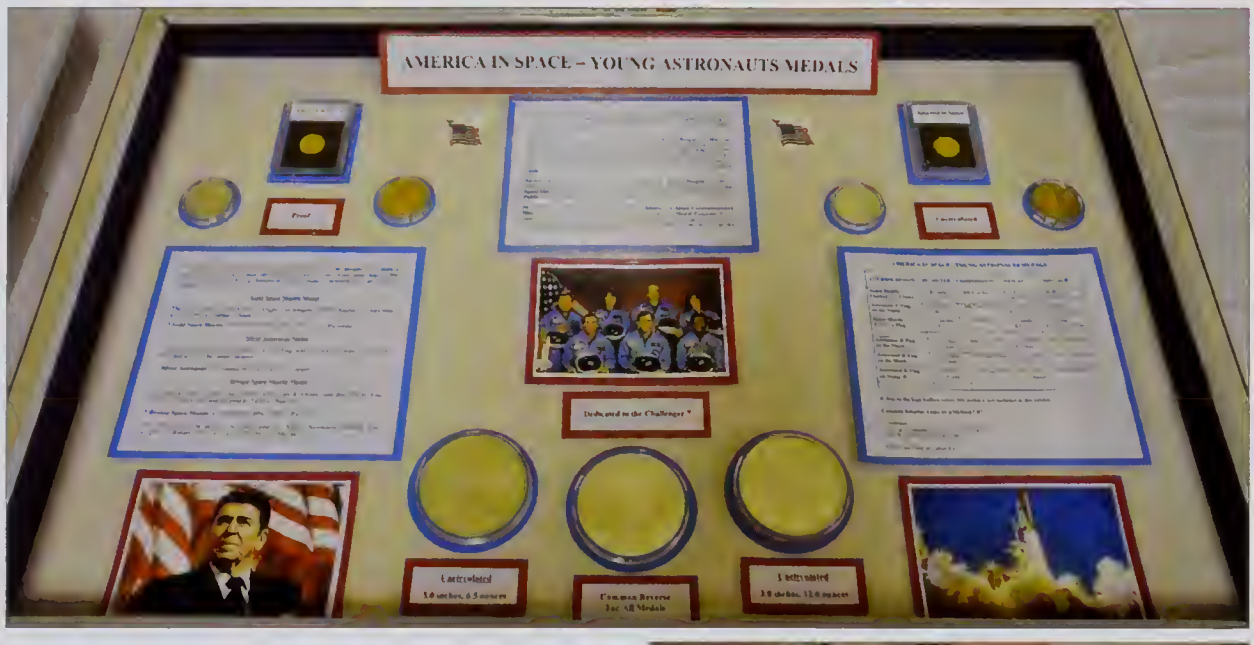
Effervescent Greg Burns picked up the 50-year award for the Glendale Coin Club. Why'd Freddie stop smiling? Guess that effervescence takes a little getting used to.

From left/back: Lila Anderson, Greg Burns, and Gary Beedon, all received special medals of recognition from Grant for recruitments of new members during the year. This was the bronze version. I'm not certain that CSNA is carrying this medal program forward, but against the chance that they are you might want to seriously think about signing someone up.

From left/back: Joyce Kuntz, Stephen Huston, and Phil Iversen all stood up to each accept one of the silver-level medals of recognition for member recruitment during 2008. The silver-level medals are for those who have a higher level of recruitment and the efforts of these three have lead to dozens of new CSNA members over the last year.

From left: California Exonmmist Society (CES) President Michael Turrini presented Don and Briita Ehlers with a special citation of commendation for exemplary and enthused devotion to the CES in the area of tokens.

Joyce Kuntz proudly presented Al Lo with the G. Lee Kuntz Best of Show Award for Al's convention exhibit on "America in Space: Young Astronants Medals." Al seems to be a frequent winner when it comes to exhibit competitions, and the below photo shows the outstanding display Al put together on these 1988 medals in commemoration of the Young Astronants Program launched by President Reagan.



San Jose Coin Club (SJCC) President Ryan Johnson accepts a check from CSNA President Freddie Grant as a token expressing CSNA's appreciation for the incredible work the members of the SJCC do in putting together the show each year. There's an enormous amount of coordination and effort that goes into putting on a show of this magnitude, and the SJCC has done a superb job year after year.

San Jose Coin Club Curator Ken Barr receives a set of the CSNA convention medals from Joyce Kuntz.

Left/lower/below: this incredible action sequence of photos shows the dapper Bill Grant receiving his designer's off-metal set of CSNA convention medals from Joyce Kuntz. Apparently, the beguiling, yet high-strung Grant was so swept away by the emotion of the presentation that he embraced the swooning Kuntz in a withering buss that shook the very sensibilities of those witnesses assembled before them. Appeased, the suave Grant finally released the helpless Kuntz and both came up for a grateful recovery of breath. I almost fainted...

Hurriedly trying to restore order to the gasping crowd, CSNA President Freddie Grant nimbly sprung to her feet and presented Convention General Chairman Ron Ishizaki with his off-metal set of the convention medals. Normalcy prevailed, and the banquet proceeded without further disruptions.

The new officers of CSNA. Several seemed to be hiding from the camera, bnt I'll try and point them ont as we proceed from left to right: Past-President Freddie Grant, Director Greg Schenewerk, Vice President Gary Beedon, Treasurer Roy Iwata, Director and Editor Greg Burns, Corresponding Secretary Stephen Hnston, Cnrator Lee Kmtz (his head anyway), Recording Secretary Virginia Bourke, Ron Ishizaki (another head), Director Al Lo, Director Ken Spindler, Director Howard Feltham, and Director Merle Avila.

Newly installed CSNA President Michael Tnrrini presented ontgoing and Past-President Freddie Grant with a special plaqne commemorating her tnrn in the barrel, along with a warm and affectionate hug. Freddie also received a nicely engraved gavel, probably to help keep the high spirited Bill Grant in line.

Left: Joel Anderson imaginatively scripts each of the sessions of the CSNA Thespians Players team. Here, Joel quizzically introduces the evening's antics, S*M*A*S*H*E*D—Saving Private Ryan, *a parody of the popular TV series,* M*A*S*H.

Below: Phil Iversen prepares to operate on a skeptical Ryan Johnson as a bemused Joel Anderson looks on. I do believe that Phil was preparing to go into Ryan with what appears to be a corkscrew! Ryan does not look amused.

Opposite top: Unit Chaplain, Father Lo, administers a special blessing while "Hot Lips" Houlihan (Virginia Bourke) settles the nervous patient, Ryan Johnson. Maxwell Klinger (played by Michael Turrini) simply wears a stunning dress and looks on.

Above from left: Michael Turrini, Ryan Johnson, Virigina Bourke, Joel Anderson, Al Lo, and Phil Iversen.

Below: the morning after the banquet, newly installed CSNA President Michael Turrini held his traditional "President's Breakfast" get-together for his new crew of elected officers, board members, and chairpersons. See the next page for a reprint of his presidential address during the banquet.

Reprint of Michael Turrini's Inaugural Address, 1/24/09

Lee Kuntz (left) installs Michael Turrini as CSNA president during the San Jose convention banquet.

In a scene from the classic *All In The Family*, the character and curmudgeon Archie Bunker is quiet and thinking out-loud, for his beloved Edith, "the dingbat", has passed away, leaving him alone, and he says something akin to "it was not supposed to be this way."

That passage might describe how your new president reflects and thinks here tonight before you: "it was not supposed to be this way." My beloved, dear close friend plus cohort and companion-in-arms for numismatics, Michael M. "Steamer" Stanley, was destined to be standing here, and rest assured, he shall absolutely, within a very few years, be standing here.

Yet, for now, I stand here, stand here as your President of the California State Numismatic Association.

Let me begin by pledging and promising to faithfully serve and to enthusiastically lead as your president with determination, diligence, and devotion. This I shall honor with all my heart.

In searching for the thoughts and words for tonight and calling upon my numismatic knowledge, it is minted and printed on the coins and currency of the Bahamas its national motto: "Forward, Upward, and Onward Together."

Those words can best describe what shall be my personal motto and goal as your and our association's president. This I affirm with all my heart.

It is given that another national motto, of the Solomon Islands, is the simple but truthful: "to lead is to serve."

Those words add to what shall be my motto and goal as your and our association's president. This I swear with all my heart.

Extended words are not intended here tonight. The world and our nation continue to endure the trials and turmoil from the recent happiness and granted contentment, and our thoughts are burdened with those trials and turmoil about us.

But, a great numismatist once remarked that numismatics has an "ageless echo", one which reminds us to "have faith, have patience" for those "tiny metallic memorials", which we call coins, recall that "we too faced problems" and that "we solved problems."

Closing, let that be my lesson onto you tonight. And, let me ask you to join and to march "forward, upward, and onward together" as I shall "lead to serve."

Lastly, may the eternal and great mint master bless you and yours and "our world of money."

Remember: have fun with your hobby! Always serve others! Enjoy your collecting, and, create hope.

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CSNA Survey

CSNA is conducting a survey (the center pull-out page in this issue of TCN) to determine how it may better serve its members. The survey can be completed in less than 10 minutes. It has been many years since the membership has been given an opportunity to tell the officers and board members what is important to them as a CSNA member. Your input is vital to the long term health and vitality of your organization.

Accordingly, we request that every member of CSNA respond to this survey by sending the completed form to CSNA Corresponding Secretary Stephen Huston, PO Box 1388, Alameda, CA 94501-0151.

To thank you for your time and effort in completing this survey, all CSNA members who respond by May 10, 2009, will be eligible for a drawing in which a gold coin will be awarded to each of 3 lucky winners. With a membership of about 500, the odds of winning a gold coin are exceptionally good, *if* you complete this survey promptly!

So, not only will you help your organization, but you may walk away with a golden reward for your efforts.

15. Indicate the degree of value you receive from the following CSNA benefits ranking them from 1 to 5 with 1 being the least beneficial and 5 being the most beneficial. Circle 0 if you have not used this benefit within the last 5 years (since 2004).

Coin Shows	0 1 2 3 4 5
Educational Symposiums	0 1 2 3 4 5
Educational Programs	0 1 2 3 4 5
Banquets/Luncheons	0 1 2 3 4 5
The California Numismatist	0 1 2 3 4 5
Board Meetings	0 1 2 3 4 5
Website	0 1 2 3 4 5
Exhibiting or viewing exhibits	0 1 2 3 4 5
Library	0 1 2 3 4 5
Fellowship with other collectors	0 1 2 3 4 5

16. Should the venues of the Educational Symposiums be changed:

☐ every year? ☐ after several years? ☐ Not at all ☐ Not interested

17. Should Symposiums be held every year in both the North and South? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Should they be held in alternate years in the North and South? ☐ Yes ☐ No

18. Do you travel to CSNA events? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you do travel to CSNA events, please rank the following from least (1) to most (5) important:

CSNA Survey

1. How long have you been a member of CSNA?
   ☐ under 1 year ☐ 1 to 5 years ☐ 5 to 10 years ☐ 10 to 20 years ☐ more than 20 years

2. Your class of membership: ☐ Regular ☐ Associate ☐ Junior ☐ Life

3. Please indicate other memberships: ☐ ANA ☐ ANS ☐ NASC ☐ NCNA
   ☐ Other regional organizations ☐ Specialized coin organizations ☐ Local coin clubs
   Total number of coin organizations to which you belong ___
   Total number of clubs/numismatic organizations in which you are an officer/board member ___

4. Level of formal education: ☐ < than High School ☐ High School ☐ Some College
   ☐ Associate Degree ☐ Bachelors Degree ☐ Masters/Professional Degree

5. Career _____Retired ___

6. Age: ☐ under 18 ☐ 18–29 ☐ 30–45 ☐ 46–59 ☐ 60-69 ☐ 70+

7. Do you consider yourself to be a: ☐ Coin Dealer ☐ Investor ☐ Investor/Collector
   ☐ Collector ☐ Other_____

☐ $0 Not Active ☐ $1–$500 ☐ $501–$1,000 ☐ $1,001–$2,500 ☐ over $2,500

9. How many times have you attended the following CSNA events in the last five years (since 2004)?
   CSNA/San Jose Coin Club Show___
   Golden State Coin Show ___
   Northern Educational Symposium ___
   Southern Educational Symposium___

10. How often do you read *The California Numismatist*?
    ☐ Always ☐ Often ☐ Sometimes ☐ Seldom ☐ Never

11. Have you ever used the CSNA Library? ☐ Yes ☐ No
    Ever attended an educational program at a CSNA Coin Show? ☐ Yes ☐ No

12. Are the locations where the Coin Shows and Symposiums held convenient for you? ☐ Yes ☐ No

13. Should the venues of the Coin Shows be changed:
    ☐ each year? ☐ after several years? ☐ Not at all

14. If you believe venues should be changed, would you be willing to assist in obtaining an acceptable site/local club sponsor for the show? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Free Parking	1 2 3 4 5
Availability of restaurants	1 2 3 4 5
Availability of Fast Food	1 2 3 4 5
Convention/Symposium site	1 2 3 4 5
Cost of Air Travel	1 2 3 4 5
Cost of travel by car/other	1 2 3 4 5

19. What is the maximum distance that you are willing to travel to CSNA Coin Shows?

☐ under 50 miles ☐ 51–100 miles ☐ 101–250 miles ☐ greater than 250 miles

CSNA Educational Symposiums?

☐ under 50 miles ☐ 51–100 miles ☐ 101–250 miles ☐ greater than 250 miles

20. What do you recommend to attract a greater membership in CSNA?

21. Do you have any thoughts you wish to share?

22. How can CSNA best serve you?

Name _____ and/or Membership Number _____

(Please provide one or the other to be entered in the Gold Coin Drawing.)

ANA Show Countdown

TCN issues remaining until the LA show

The local convention committee met at the Kuntz' home February 22 to go over the many planning steps now in motion for the upcoming convention planned for August 5-9 at the Los Angeles Convention Center.

Tours are being planned, possibly to the Federal Reserve, the Getty, maybe a Dodger game, homes of the stars, that kind of thing.

There will be a "club table" area, so local clubs should start making up banners, flyers, business cards, or other gee-gaws to hand out to entice show-goers to come to their clubs and become new members.

Exhibits are actively encouraged and application forms can be downloaded from the ANA website at www.money.org.

There's a Friendship Luncheon being planned tentatively for the San Antonio Winery. While the price is still TBD, it will include a winery tour.

The Numismatic Theatre will have approximately 20 sessions between Wednesday (8/5) and Sunday (8/9), and be supplemented by the Sundman Lecture series with those sessions being held exclusively on Thursday (8/6). Lots of prime speakers planned. Be sure to attend!

Local youngsters can become pages (a paid position as I understand it) by downloading applications from the ANA website. Local clubs can expect a letter from Page Chair Oded Paz with more details.

Bob Thompson is looking for volunteers to help with the registration desk and folks to be helpful "greeters" and "question answerers" to the public and show attendees. He can be reached by e-mail at bobcat237@sbcglobal.net.

Albertus Hoogeveen is planning Boy and Girl Scout merit badge activities, tentatively on Saturday the 8th for around two hours. He's expecting a large draw for this, perhaps 100-200.

California quarter designer Garrett Burke is working on a convention medal design, a confidential prototype of which was shown at the Kuntz' home. It's impressive. Plan on getting your order in early. It'll sell out.

Lee Kuntz continues to solicit volunteers for the many activities that will be going on. If you have any openings in your schedule, and don't object to being bribed with various "perks", then contact him by e-mail at gleemedals@aol.com, or by phone at (909) 621-2196.

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NASC Gold Drawing Tickets

NASC member clubs and interested individuals can obtain raffle tickets for the NASC Member Club Gold Benefit Drawing, to be held the last day of the Golden State Coin Show on August 23, in Arcadia, from Craig Roubinek at (951) 684-9930, or via e-mail at riverside_stamp_coin@hotmail.com.

Early orders are suggested in order to give member clubs sufficient time to maximize their profit-sharing from ticket sales.

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and articles. I don't belong, and Bob is now an inactive member. He has heath issues that keep him confined to home, except for the excursions noted above. If we are off somewhere, I always have something for him to read. Doctor's offices are notorious for out-of-date publications that are of no interest to him. His coin collection is a life-long hobby that keeps him interested in something outside of his daily routine.

Our vote would be to retain the format you are using; it is an extremely well done and attractive publication. I love your little men, but with all the women who are now in the field, couldn't one or two have skirts?

Thanks for a fascinating issue. We will be renewing Bob's membership, this time probably a life membership, and we will both look forward to future issues.

Happy Holidays,
—Jean Myles

What a delightful surprise to receive your letter, Jean. It pleased me so much to hear that in spite of your lack of a specific numismatic interest you found something to occupy yourself in our pages. Your comments on the advantages of the smaller size are well thought out and expressed. I appreciate your pointing them out and will consider you both to have cast solid "stay the course" votes.

I'm also glad that Bob finds our magazine a respite in the dreary places that I've found doctor's offices to be. Please accept my heart-felt wishes for good health, a wonderful holiday, and an engaging new year to-be, for both of you.

In the meantime, I'll have to think about those little women with the skirts. I'm not sure my wife will approve of any undue attention I may pay to the fairer sex <grin>...

Best regards,
Greg

Note: I'll consider the "voting" on TCN size and color concluded with the majority in favor of the current size, and an overwhelming acclimation for the use of color (I rather like it, too!) I'm always eager to hear other opinions though, so if you have something to say, send an e-mail my way...GB

NASC Membership Application

Membership Category	Cost
Junior (under 18)	$10
Individual	$20
Individual (3 years)	$55
Club	$30
Sustaining (lifetime)	$300

Includes subscription to *The California Numismatist!*

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NASC Awards Banquet Report

The buffet included a salad bar, prime rib, salmon fillets, honey dijon chicken, rice, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable medly, and a variety of desserts and drinks.

The NASC held its awards banquet at the Arcadia Coco's restaurant. Master of Ceremonies Bill Grant kept the audience in stitches in between the various awards presentations and announcements.

See the photos that were taken for the various presentations, but in summary:

The NASC President's Trophy for Best Club Publication was won by Jim Wells, editor of the San Diego Numismatic Society's *Bulletin*. Second place was won by Jack Von Bloeker III, editor of the Culver City Coin Club's *Journal*. Third place was shared by Editor Bob Thompson and Graphic Designer Jean LeFavre of the Verdugo Hills Coin Club's publication and Helen Desens, editor of the Covina Coin Club's newsletter.

Mary Yahalom was the honored recipient of the Richard P. Goodson Award, and Albertus Hoogeveen was named the Speaker of the Year.

Left: Galaxie Designs donated these impressive place settings featuring a medallic portrait of Abraham Lincoln.

Right: Nona Moore, past NASC president, gave her usual invocation at the beginning of the festivities.

Above from left: Walter Ostromecki, Tony Micciche, Bob Thompson, Jean LeFavre, Jack Von Bloeker III, Joyce Kuntz, Helen Desens, and Jim Wells. Not pictured: Awards Recognition Event Chairman George Moore III (George, where did you disappear to when we were taking the group picture?)

Below from left: Joyce Kuntz and George Moore III present Mary Yahalom with the Richard P. Goodson award, which was bestowed for Mary's long-time activities in support of the NASC. Mary's one of those folks who take up their work-gloves and tackle the jobs that are critical to the functioning of the organization, but that others often "conveniently" overlook.

Above from left: Gary Beedon and Joyce Kuntz present Albertus Hoogeveen with the Speaker of the Year Award for his continuous engagements with Southern California clubs providing programs for the education and entertainment of their members. I'll bet that most of you who attend a club meeting on a regular basis have heard Albertus speak during a club program.

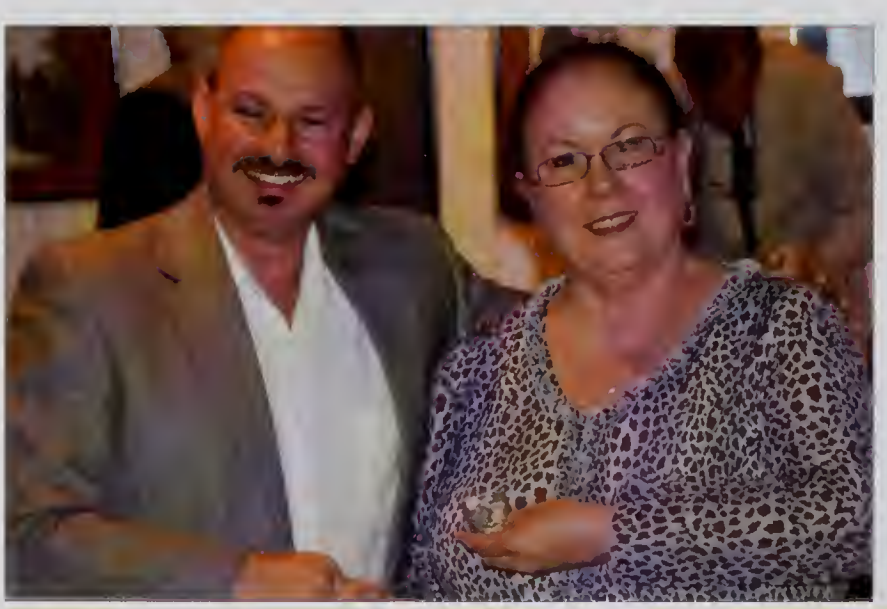
Below from left: Joyce Kuntz and George Moore III present Master of Ceremonies Bill Grant with a special plaque in recognition of his presentation during the event. Bill does a wonderful job of keeping the audience engaged and makes the time pass at a lively humorous pace.

George Moore III presented Joyce Kuntz with a special plaque of recognition for her hard work and hours spent making the awards recognition event luncheon such a success. Carrying the date of the luncheon at the bottom of the engraved plaque, the top was surmounted by a timely medal of Abraham Lincoln. Congratulations, Joyce!

Below from left: President Tony Micciche presents Past-President Gary Beedon with a specially engraved membership card attesting to his honorary life membership in recognition of his service to the association as president.

Chester Brezensky received his 25-year membership medal during the event from Corresponding Secretary Harold Katzman.

Roy Iwata received his 25-year membership medal during the event from Corresponding Secretary Harold Katzman.



Representing the Glendale Coin Club, Mary Yahalom received the club's 50-year membership medal from Corresponding Secretary Harold Katzman.

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Youth Corner

by Michael S. Turrini
CSNA Youth Numismatist Coordinator

Hello!

Well, with this continued good weather, at least while I am writing this *Youth Corner,* and California's impending need for water, "youth numismatics" is remote; but, every once in a while, something comes across my path to ignite insight and ideas for the hobbyists of today to instill in the hobbyists of tomorrow.

Recently, an article came in a major national organization's monthly periodical, and I paraphrase here its opening: "Every adult coin collector was once a kid. So, where is the next generation of coin collectors going to come from, if not from children?"

The writer continues: "I started coin collecting when I was seven years old, because some adults took a little time to inspire me with the limitless wonders of numismatics."

He adds: "Without all those adults taking a moment out of their lives to help me, I might never have become a lifelong coin collector. After I grew up, I tried to pass the spark of collecting coins along to other kids when I was a school teacher...I still donate coins and coin collecting supplies to youth coin clubs."

Now, an avid and active adult collector, Barry Krause, who describes himself as "an old fashioned collector", offered ten commandments or rules for dealing with youthful collectors. His "ten" are intended for the professional coin dealer, but these are an admonishment for all adult coin collectors:

1. *Act friendly.*
2. *Do not "talk-down" to children.*
3. *Give children the same attention that you would offer an adult customer.*
4. *"Think topical" when offering coins to kids.*
5. *Do not underestimate the spending potential of youthful collectors.*
6. *Do not ridicule a kid's inexpensive coin collection, or make them "feel poor" if they do not have hundreds of dollars to sink into coins.*
7. *Promote coin collecting as a "family affair."*
8. *Donate some cheap coins or coin literature to a local school or other*

hobby organization.

9. *Ask your local public library if it would like you to help it prepare a coin collecting display, perhaps in the children's section/division.*
10. *If you do not have the time or do not like dealing with kids, then direct them to someone who can help them become real coin collectors.*

Needless to say, Mr. Krause's "ten commandments" have real meaning, and any of us who is involved with youth numismatics would acknowledge and accept that his ten are valid.

For each, Mr. Krause includes some specifics and arguments. In reference to the first "commandment"—*act friendly*— in his article he implores coin dealers: "You represent the coin dealing profession, and the potential of numismatics in general. Why would a youngster want to collect coins if you never smile or say hello when that kid walks into your coin shop or up to your bourse table?" Quite true, my friends.

Calling upon the experience of Daniel O. Shattuc of the Cupertino Coin Club, from twenty-plus years ago, his article progressed to "promote coin collecting as a 'family affair'". He proposes: "If you know that your adult customers have growing children or grandchildren, do you suggest that they give their kids a small Whitman album and a few coins as a birthday present? If you know that their children play certain sports, do you offer their parents some appropriate foreign coins with that sport to kindle the collecting spark in their sons and daughters?"

Dan Shattuc, over two decades ago, preached and practiced the enticement of "family affair" at the Cupertino Coin Club, creating record attendance and membership as the kids brought their parents to the monthly Cupertino meetings.

Of course, speaking of Dan distracts from Mr. Krause's ten commandments, while Dan's record confirms Mr. Krause's "seventh commandment."

I never have met Mr. Krause, and his ten commandments were excerpted and paraphrased—just changing a few words—from an *In My Opinion*, an article similar to a *Numismatic News View Point* or *Coin World* guest commentary. Where did I read his "in my opinion"?

In the January, 2009, *American Philatelist*, the national monthly magazine for the American Philatelic Society, our compatriots in that other international hobby, stamps. Yes, a stamp collector, a devoted and serious stamp hobbyist, was excerpted and paraphrased to speak to our hobby, our international hobby, the world of money.

Again, as I have written before, other hobbies can teach us also. All that I did was change his reference and use of *philately* and *stamps* to *numismatics* and *coins*, making his message universal and applicable to our world of money.

Ending, his most powerful message was in his opening, worth repeating and paraphrasing here: "I started stamp *(coin)* collecting when I was seven years old, because some adults took a little time to inspire me with the limitless wonders of "numismatics."

That is lesson enough.

Remember: have fun with your hobby! Always serve others! Enjoy your collecting! And, create hope!

Goings On

by Greg Burns

Man, the officer and board agenda at the CSNA San Jose convention was *jam-packed!* There's a lot to report on, so I'll start right in...

Treasurer Roy Iwata sang an increasingly familiar refrain of depleted resources. Seems both associations are on the same financial path and it ain't good. Roy's formal report showed about a $10k decline in net worth for CSNA during 2008. Of course we have some unusual one-time expenses that pop up here and there, but overall the theme remains struggling finances.

Ron Ishizaki, general chairman for the SJ convention, remarked that there had been one in that city 60 years ago (see a photo of the anniversary cake in the convention photos in this issue.)

Lee Kuntz mentioned the Golden State Coin Show dates of August 22 and 23, the GSCS to be held in Arcadia as usual.

Corresponding Secretary Stephen Huston had extensively prepared for the meeting. His written report commented on the membership, their growth and recruitment trends, dues mailings, 25- and 50-year members, the election results and various other administrative matters. Interestingly, he noted that one-half of new members drop within one to two years, but that 75% of our membership has been with us five years or longer.

Stephen then made a short presentation on the status of the CSNA website (www.calcoin.org) that he maintains in whatever spare time he carves out. My guess is he must drink a lot of coffee.

Membership Chair Phil Iversen said that he works with the ANA a couple times a year to send membership solicitations to new ANA members in California. Been working pretty well for us so far. He had 125 in the last group of envelopes that went out.

Jim Hunt gave a report on recent ANA activities (he also has a column in this TCN). Afterwards Jim reported on the educational symposium activities he directs. The events draw very few attendees, much fewer than would be needed to justify continuing them if attendance doesn't turn around. We have the March event in the south and the October event up north, and once the 2009 events are over we'll reassess whether this activity makes sense to us any longer. These events cost thousands per year, yet serve only dozens of attendees. Probably be cheaper to give everyone who comes a twenty dollar bill to just go home. Got any ideas on how to improve participation in what should be a runaway event? Send 'em in, I'll print them.

Joyce Kuntz updated us on the status of the medals program. Last year's Hearst Castle medal was a sell-out, and the POW/MIA for the SJ convention was moving sprightly, too. Joyce said that CSNA makes somewhere around $400-500 profit per issue.

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Before she sat down, Joyce, who also serves as historian, mentioned that she'd be bringing some of the CSNA scrapbooks to the Golden State Coin Show.

Lee Kuntz gave some NASC updates, in particular the dues increase and a solicitation for the then-upcoming awards banquet. Lee also mentioned that as CSNA curator, he has one each of the off-metal sets (number 50) of CSNA convention medals.

Though Librarian Ruth Phillips wasn't present to give a report, Phil Iversen presented Treasurer Iwata with a $900 check for auction catalogs he had arranged to sell from the library. Other than that, the library status is largely unknown, and then-President-Elect Turrini agreed to contact Ruth for more details.

I stood up and mentioned that lots of positive feedback had come in on the color version of TCN, and that I had submitted last year's issues to the ANA for the upcoming publication contest (we took first place the last four years.) I also said that I had no TCNs to hand out because, one: I forgot to bring them, and two: I'm hoarding them for the ANA convention in August.

Also acting as YN coordinator, Michael Turrini spoke very highly of the Sacramento Coin Show's YN activities. Michael said that in addition to his youth column in TCN he also runs the popular "State Quarter Search" at various events to engage kids. He solicited suggestions for other activities, and mentioned that he'd be putting together a state-wide "youth committee" that would include the Schenewerk family from San Diego and others.

Having dispatched the above officer and committee reports, we turned our attention to old business.

I followed-up on my previous pleas for apportioning the cost of TCN between the two associations according to their respective membership ratios, a plan which was adopted after some additional clarifying input on an implementation algorithm from Stephen Huston (though it wasn't unanimous) and it has already been put in place, NASC having previously agreed to it. Unfortunately, it means that the financial burden on CSNA increases, but what's fair is fair, and we'll just have to sharpen our pencils and figure out where our priorities lie and how to manage our incomes and outgoes to balance our budgets. Seems like there's a lot of talk like that in

Washington DC these days, too.

The suggestion for buying wooden nickels for the ANA convention in August at a cost of roughly $800-1000 for 5000 pieces went down in flames, fanned wildly by the flapping treasurer's reports people were leafing through to remind themselves of our financial condition. Good. That's responsible governance.

Stephen Huston brought up a proposal to help somewhat stem the financial depletion by increasing the dues of CSNA to remain commensurate with the new NASC dues structure (both associations' new dues are reflected on their respective membership applications in this issue of TCN.) The proposal overwhelmingly passed, unanimously if I remember correctly, though there was a postponement of a few days to get through the convention period.

To kick off new business, the productive Mr. Huston then introduced a print-out containing suggested revisions to the CSNA by-laws which passed. Stephen worked with Virginia Bourke, Kay Lenker, and Dorothy Baber to meld together the suggested update. He does his homework, and since he's pretty smart to begin with it doesn't take a lot of dialog to move forward with many of the suggestions he makes. There were a few corrections (typos, etc.) but the motion carried unanimously.

There was a flurry of requests for nominations for ANA offices. Some passed, some didn't.

Regarding the next Northern California convention, it was noted that we have no set-in-concrete commitment, and that although the San Jose Coin Club is looking at new venues (seems not a lot of folks are thrilled with the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds) CSNA might want to consider other locations for the 2010 event. It was agreed that Ron Ishizaki did a wonderful job with the very difficult transition from the old venue beginning in 2007, and my understanding was that Al Lo would be taking his turn in the barrel as general chairman for the show next year. Good luck, Al!

President Turrini reported that he'd set up a "CSNA Tomorrow Committee" to survey the membership (see center pull-out in this TCN; complete it, send it in, and perhaps win a gold coin), the results of which would be folded into some long-range planning for the association.

Michael then asked the board to approve his personally funding a "President's Medal" (quantity of 100 to start), issuing 15 the first year, perhaps 12 the following year, and then no more than 10 per year thereafter. It passed unanimously, but unfortunately I was unable to push through a last-minute rider to the bill that would have required his personal funding to also cover an editor's Jaguar. Sigh.

We wrapped up the CSNA meeting roughly three hours after we started.

Are you still with me? We haven't even started on the NASC stuff and you're tired already? Okay, put your TCN down, go take a short break, and come back when you're refreshed...

Ready? Okay, now let's go over my NASC meeting notes from mid-January. Note that this meeting actually preceded the CSNA one, but I reversed the order because...well, I just did. Actually, I do it for balance. Because CSNA only meets twice per year I end up running NASC meeting

notes in every issue (four times per year), so when CSNA has news I let them go first.

Anyways, we had the usual formalities at the beginning of the NASC meeting. Flag salute, a moment of silence for departed friends, that kind of thing.

Kicking off the meeting Corresponding Secretary Harold Katzman gave out his report (see it paraphrased on page 8.)

This was followed-up by Treasurer Kay Lenker's protestations from the financial corner. The net worth of NASC was reported as just under $25k. The TCN price break which was later passed by CSNA at their meeting will come none too soon, but it won't be enough to stave off the specter of an NASC bankruptcy if we don't change something about the way we spend money compared to our earnings. Both associations are in the same boat. Isn't there something we can collectively do to reverse this problem?

Historian Nona Moore reported that no one has sent her any news items recently, but that she had received a box of material from the late Murray Singer by way of Walt Ostromecki, and that she planned on bringing a scrapbook of NASC material to the February awards luncheon (I didn't take a photo of it, but perused it while I was there at the luncheon—it's always fun to look at old photos.)

Joyce Kuntz stood up and gave us an update on the ANA elections and explained that their installation would be at the 2009 ANA convention in Los Angeles. Speaking on the NASC awards and the pending presentation at the luncheon, Joyce said that she'd had the awards committee meeting at her home the previous weekend (and she hospitably served a nice lunch at the same time!)

For the then-pending luncheon, George Moore III reported that a $100 donation had been received to help with the door prize and table favor expenses, and gave an update on the number of tickets then-sold, etc.

Lee Kuntz gave an update on what was then available regarding CSNA and the upcoming convention in San Jose.

I stood up as editor and mentioned that I had already done some minor work on the issue of TCN you're now reading. I'm running a little late today as I write this, but at the time I was feeling pretty good about my schedule. Sigh. The best laid schemes o' mice an' men, gang aft agley. I mentioned that ad prices would be going up, in part as recognition of the new color format, in part because that's the way things work.

Craig Roubinek, last year's general chair for the Golden State Coin Show, said that gold drawing tickets had been printed and would soon be mailed out to member clubs. Craig suggested that clubs could use them as door prizes, etc., and hoped that we'd get better sales this year than we did in 2008.

The Finance and Budget Committee had no report. Too bad, we could use some detailed thinking on this topic. Hopefully we'll get more in tune with this as the financial crisis deepens.

Speaking on the Golden State Coin Show, Tony Micciche confirmed the dates of set-up on 8/21, with the show itself following on 8/22 and 23. Apparently there's some new management at the Arcadia Masonic Center, and some

changes that will be announced in the future. Doesn't sound good, does it?

For the GSCS banquet, Joyce Kuntz mentioned that the cost would be somewhere around $35-37. Sounds cheap when you consider what you get and compare it to some other banquets. I'll be there. Hope you are, too.

Grievance Chair Tom Fitzgerald had nothing to report. Guess we're all playing nicely at this point. Good, it keeps Tom happy.

Harold Katzman reported that the NASC still has a minor stock of medals, badges, and bars left over from years past. We don't have any active plans on what to do with any of the items, so if you have some thoughts send 'em in.

Gary Beedon and Albertus Hoogeveen said they'd be using a new sign provided by Don Foster for the NASC table at the Long Beach coin expo (held in February, now past), and hoped that they'd be able to get some new members for NASC.

As photographer I had nothing new to report. I don't remember if I passed along copies of recent photos to Historian Moore, but hopefully she'll remind me if I haven't.

Policies and Procedures Chair Nona Moore said she intended to hold a committee meeting in February if it didn't snow. My guess is she did, but it's only a guess.

Property Chair Alex Jaramillo solicited info from everyone present that knew of NASC property. He wants to create a central list. Good luck, Alex.

Publicity Chair Bob Thompson has suggested combining the "national" and "local" flavors of this position into one (I guess the P&P has it broken into two). Makes sense. Bob also passed along that I had forwarded him an Excel database of various magazine and newspaper contacts he could use for publicity. There are a lot of inaccuracies in the list, but it's better than nothing.

Signs Chair Don Foster passed along his latest contribution (as mentioned previously) to Gary Beedon.

Sergeant-at-Arms Alex Jaramillo noted everyone was behaving (likely the reason there were no grievances.)

Speakers Bureau Chair Bill Grant mentioned that the new listing was mailed to the various clubs, but since he doesn't have a digital copy can't supply me with an update for the website.

Phil Iversen said that the visual education library had lent one video out in the last quarter. Hmm, doesn't seem to be too busy; no one using VHS anymore?

Harold Katzman has nothing planned for workshops, but still intends to talk with Rick Montgomery and Miles Standish regarding this topic.

Walt Ostromecki has been appointed as the new YN chair. That's very good news. Walt's eminently suited for this position. I've heard him speak at various programs, and I've seen him work with kids, and he does a marvelous job with both. Good luck, Walt!

Having finished with the committee reports we dived into old business left over from the previous board meeting.

Just like the CSNA decision, a previous suggestion to have wooden nickels made up for the upcoming ANA convention in LA floundered for about two seconds before disappearing beneath the waves.

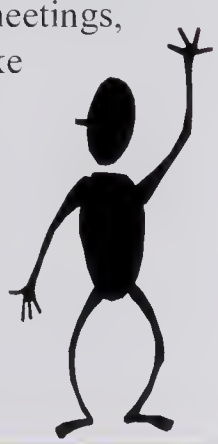
Phil Iversen said that he had about 60 "Money: History in Your Hands" videos to use as giveaways for NASC new membership inducements at the ANA convention in LA in August. My bet is that will bring in some new members all by itself.

Did you know that NASC has a Yap stone? Well, we do. At right is a photograph of NASC founder Karl Brainard with the stone back in the 1950's. It was thought it would be a good idea to display it at the upcoming ANA convention, and then, as has been lightly discussed in the past, perhaps think about disposing of the stone through sale or auction. Sounds like a topic for the future.

NASC Founder Karl M. Brainard holds the NASC Yap stone. The stone will be on display at the 2009 ANA convention in Los Angeles.

After some brief discussion on fund raising and gold drawing tickets, we turned our attention to new business.

Top of the list were some of those "management changes" at the Arcadia Masonic Center I previously mentioned briefly. Seems that some of them make it not longer a viable place for us to hold our board meetings. We talked about alternate locations, many of which would either, one, require money we're loathe to spend, or two, require us to buy an insurance policy to indemnify the property owner from lawsuits (you know how litigious we numismatists are), or in some cases, both. After various approaches were talked about, the Kuntz' offered to host the next board meeting at their home. The date's been set for April 19 at 10AM. Though it wasn't specifically mentioned during the meeting, these are "open" board meetings, so that means if you'd like to attend in April you'll have to show up at the Kuntz' residence located at 697 Scripps Drive in Claremont. It's already in my calendar. Hope to see you there!



We Get Letters...

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Question on Sam Miclean

Hi Harold,

I'm a numismatist, active in several coin clubs in Northern California. I recently purchased a collection belonging to the late Sam Miclean from Fountain Valley. I've spent a couple hundred hours going thru this collection bit by bit and have learned about Sam's numismatic interests along the way. I have many historical documents that may be of interest to people there and I'd like to pursue discussions with anyone who may have known him. One item of interest was a case of 1994 Red Books which he had ordered for a group of his associates. The next time I'm in So Cal, I'd like to deliver them to the surviving people or their heirs. There are many questions I have about his interests. I have in front of me a wallet of his membership cards to clubs which don't seem to be active any longer but maybe evolved into other clubs (Santa Ana, Garden Grove, Fountain Valley, Tustin, Elongated?, to name a few.)

So here's hoping that you might be able to help me or refer me to someone who may be interested in my venture.

Thanks!

—Bill Hurja

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Hi Bill,

Harold Katzman forwarded your e-mail to me along with his suggestion that we run it in TCN. Perhaps some of our readers will have some information and respond to you. Good luck,

Greg

On Color and Size

Regarding the chromatic: don't even think of regressing to mono. It's so 19th century!

The photo reproductions in Vol. 5, #4 are the best ever. *Beautiful.* (Read: "Top Drawer".)

Regarding the 5.5" x 8.5" versus 8.5" X 11" format, please, *please* reconsider (as you have) that some personal libraries would become disrupted. The ANA some years back discarded their journal shape for the magazine size just as *TV Guide* turned their publication into *People* magazine (along with the content). And while the printing cost might be negligible, the postage expense could increase.

—Anonymous

PS - besides, it'd be harder to read on the can...

Well, Mister (or Missus) Anonymous - I'm hoping that keeping your

TCN copy in the "water closet" isn't related to the old-time use of the Sears and Roebuck catalog in the outhouse!

Greg

Dear Greg,

Each issue of *The California Numismatist* just keeps getting better and better. My compliments to you for a job well done. I hope the size stays the same. It is so handy to slip in my purse when going to a medical appointment or somewhere, so I can read it in the waiting room. Therefore, it gets read! Larger magazines (8.5"x11") like ANA's *The Numismatist* pile up on my desk waiting for time to be read, because they're not as handy to keep with me. So I cast my vote for keeping the size the same!

—Loris D. Enzminger
Delta Coin Club Treasurer,
1983-present

Hi Loris,

Thank you so much for the thoughtful comments. Yes, the more input I receive from readers the more I understand how much the current size is preferred. Like you, I have a pile of larger magazines waiting to be read. Of course, when it comes to digesting TCN I have the additional advantage that I was the one who edited the publication, so by necessity I've already read it.

Consider your vote solidly cast. And considering the longevity of your service to DCC as treasurer, I do believe your vote should at least count double <grin>...

Regards,

Greg

Hi Greg,

Great job with the new colorful TCN! I would be happy to receive TCN by e-mail only to save some postage for CSNA and so I can read it at leisure and not let them pile up by my bed! Keep up the outstanding work!

—Herb Miles

Thanks, Herb. We don't have any plans to offer an e-mail only version, but do feel free to pass along your hard copy to a non-member along with a recommendation that they consider joining themselves. The more members the two associations have the better the financing for TCN.

Regards,

Greg

Dear Greg,

I don't usually read your publication, it is my husband's interest.

However, I picked this one up and read the whole issue, including the letters on size and shape of the publication. Please, leave it this size. There are other publications this size on newsstands; because of their size they attract attention. They fit into a pocket when you are going for a doctor's appointment or have to sit in the car waiting for the shopper in the family. The size makes it easy to read in bed, and they can easily be tucked into a book case.

The publication is eye catching, easy to read and contains fascinating information. I was amazed at how many clubs there are.

Perhaps the Reno Coin Club could be an "associate" or "neighboring" member, in an exchange of ideas

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Ginny's Gleanings: There are a lot of really good numismatic events to look forward to this year. Besides the local coin shows, there is the CSNA Symposium in Studio City on March 28, and the *really big* show, ANA in Los Angeles, August 5-9, 2009. Chairman G. Lee Kuntz and his assistants are working hard to make this the best ever. Please bring your best exhibits. Happy New Year!

Michael's Musings: What's up? First, as the newly elected president for CSNA, I am also doubling as the club reporter-north for our award-winning quarterly, *The California Numismatist*. So, *two jobs* and *no increase in pay*! Hum? Anyway, if there is an active club member out there and around the Northern California region who would like to assume this position for the north, please contact me or Editor Greg Burns. Second, until then, I will "double duty," and candidly, it is not that burdensome and certainly provides me insights and updates about our "world of money" around Northern California, particularly at its most important segment, 'the grass-roots'. With that, read on! Special note: one or two monthly newsletters/bulletins are listing/naming members and individuals only by the first name. This might have some security and local preference; however, it makes it quite difficult to report and to give proper coverage here in TCN.

Club Reports...

WHITTIER COIN CLUB'S program for November was *Other Collections* night. Members were asked to leave their Africanized bees and large spider

collections at home. December's meeting featured a silent auction on donated items, which netted $230. Junior member **Andy Magdaleno** won the junior attendance prize of $12. **Phil Iversen** will present the program in January. He has acquired several slides showing America's historical events narrated by famous people.

VERDUGO HILLS COIN CLUB enjoyed their 15th annual Christmas party with Bingo and refreshments. **Walt Ostromecki** installed new officers **Richard Murachanian**, president; **Irene DeMattei**, 1st vice president; **Jeff Klemzak**, 2nd vice president; **Don Weir**, treasurer; and **Doris Fuller**, secretary. **Bob Thompson** will remain editor. Members are busy preparing for their upcoming coin show this month at the Van Nuys Masonic Hall. **Steve Albanese** presented the program in November on *Adolph Weinman and His Designs*. **Brenda Bishop** of ANA presented **Albertus Hoogeveen** with a book for his 49 years of membership in ANA. Jeff Klemzak garnered the ANA President's Award for his hard work, which was presented by **ANA President Barry Stuppler**. Albertus spoke on the Utrecht Mint in the Nederland's, which he visited, for the program in January. **Steve Gorman** will provide February's program, *Colorado Street Railroad 1886.*

VALLEJO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY held another success Hopperstad Auction at its December meeting, with a preliminary $875 from 148 donated lots. The auction required two hours to call, with auctioneers **Michael M. Stanley** and **Michael S. Turrini**. There were four original Carol Sendaker oil painting donated, and all went for nice amounts. At this same meeting this society reelected its officers: **Harry W. Davis**, president; **Dr. Rodney W. Baker**, vice president; **Irene Carrillo**, secretary; and **Michael S. Turrini**, treasurer. Later, on December 7, distant life member and **ANA Governor Clifford L. Mishler**, from Iola, Wisconsin, emceed the Joint Christmas Party with the neighboring Fairfield Coin Club. The Mega Drawing claimed $1626, a second highest record, and the 50/50 gave Irene Carrillo $19, a record. Two Californians were honored at this party with President's Citations from **ANA President Barry S. Stuppler**, presented by **Dr. Walter A. Ostromecki, Jr.**, and they were Harry W. Davis and **Alvin H.W. Lo**. The VNS enjoyed *Other Hobbies* at its January meeting.

UPLAND COIN CLUB members enjoyed **Janet Reeves'** presentation about *Walt Disney and Disney Pin Collecting* in November. A gift exchange and goodies galore were featured at the December meeting. **Tom Fitzgerald** installed the new officers: **President Tony Micciche**, **Vice President Adam Pave**, **Treasurer Kimmie Pave** and **Secretary Pat Gardner**.

STANISLAUS COUNTY COIN CLUB SCCC President Aaron Brown welcomed 2009 with this positive message in the January *Gold Strike*: "in a year where economic and political turmoil dominated the headlines, our club sailed through some of its best times in recent memory. Our show continued to draw a

crowd; we had a surge in membership and attendance, including junior members, and we had some excellent medal designs submitted. We had a lot of fun, even, or especially, when that fun was stumping me!" He continued and noted that the club's Christmas party "ended the year on a high note" for "the Roman Goddess of Luck, Fortuna, continued to confound me at Bingo, but **Dolly 'Moneta' Sauls** and **Marcia 'Felicitas' Soria** were more gencrous." Speaking of the recent holiday season, in the December *Gold Strike* he writes "it is a magical time of the year again, when Santa Gaudens travels the globe...you do not believe in Santa Gaudens? Well, just do not be surprised if you find a wadded-up ball of aluminum foil in your stocking!"

SOLANO SILVER ROUND CLUB noted that distant member Charles "Chuck" M. Luce, Jr., of San Diego, was the featured "numismatic luminary" in the winter TCN: "you are most deserving of the recognition, Chuck. Chuck has been a member of our SSRC since 1991. Way to go, Chuck!" The SSRC elected its new officers for the 2009-2010 term, and they are: **Jon-Maria Marish**, president; **William F. Bartz**, vice president; **Michael S. Turrini**, treasurer; and **Jan D. Henke**, secretary, who also doubles as editor of the SSRC's monthly newsletter *Silver Notes*.

SANTA MARIA COIN CLUB installed their new officers in January. **Evelyn Green** was thanked for her services for several years. Members **Mike** and **Petra Metras** are on a walking pilgrimage expected to last 9 months. First they walk across the U.S., then sail to Europe, and then walk across Europe to Jerusalem! **John Schuldt's** home was the setting for the annual Christmas potluck meeting where 10 lots of coins valued at almost $1000 were auctioned off.

SANTA ANA COIN CLUB members enjoyed a potluck in December and members all brought something for show and tell. In November, members enjoyed the program *3 Cents*.

SAN JOSE COIN CLUB heard SJCC member **Brian Daniels** speak on *Investing In Certified Coins* at its November meeting: "this was Brian's first time as a speaker at our club. He joined our club in March, 2007. Brian did his homework and educated us all with an excellent talk on certified coins as a potential investment, the dangers and trusting different graders, including what to do and not do and the statistics to back it up. He brought in copies of his research and handed these out to members and was ready to answer any question on the subject. Great Job, Brian! We hope to hear more from you in the future!" The following December meeting, the annual Christmas party, was another great event for the SJCC, along with Santa Claus, "we also want to thank some of his elf's **Martha Davis** for wrapping all the gifts. **Sally Johnson** helped put the stockings together along with '**Chuck**' and **Dorothy Call** for donating numismatic items for the stockings. A giant *thank you* to the kitchen hclp: **Diane Medefesser, Dorothy Call, and Sally Johnson**...another elf was **Tony Yu**, who showed up

with four boxes of Queen Anne's Chocolates and **Karl Jagenburg** who donated a box of hot chocolate...**Refreshment Chair Mario Miramontes** brought in the cakes and drinks."

SAN FRANCISCO COIN CLUB Well, your assistant editor will let SFCC *Two Cents Worth* editor, **Lyle Okamoto**, explain his absence from the December Christmas party held at Tennessee Grill: "your editor apologies profusely for forgetting the SFCC Christmas party! Your editor thought the party was on the usual fourth Friday, but we had changed the date to the third Friday because of Christmas." A nice gathering filled the back of Tennessee Grill, with a drawing and much time given to mingling and talks among those present, and the light rain outside did not dampen the holiday spirit inside.

SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY had their annual potluck dinner at the December meeting. **Ken Spindler** cooked two large pans of lasagna and members brought dishes to go with it. November featured the "donation auction" which netted $141.25. This money will be used for numismatic gifts at the Installation Dinner in January at Coco's. **Jim Hill** of Treasure Trove installed the new officers who are **Jim Hunt**, president; **Vice President Lee Darnell**; **Secretary Kay Lenker**, and **Treasurer Ken Spindler**. **Jim Wells** presented the program on *America's Coinage Firsts* which was accompanied by some very tough questions.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY COIN CLUB also writes that it has new 2009 officers, and they are: **Bob Shanks**, president; **Stuart Evans**, vice president; **John Owings**, recording secretary; **Penny Klagenberg**, corresponding secretary; and **Bob Simonoff**, treasurer; with **Phil Asher**, assistant treasurer. In the January *SVCC Newsletter*, member **Steve Schmidt** wrote a nice article about the new UK coins. He ends with these observations: "there may be two reasons why these new designs could be destined to be short-lived. One is a conspiracy theory regarding the euro: although part of the European Union, the British have been reluctant to adopt the euro, preferring to stay with their own monetary system; but, the new coins are so unattractive that perhaps the Royal Mint is hoping for such a negative reaction among the public that leads to a revolt to have the euro adopted. The second conspiracy theory is that Queen Elizabeth II is seriously considering to abdicate and to allow Prince Charles to be crowned. If this were to happen, then United Kingdom coinage would be changed to feature the new monarch on the obverse and that would give the Royal Mint an opportunity to also change the reverses, perhaps to something like examples of British architecture, a subject dear to the Prince's heart." Well, you read it here, folks!

REDWOOD EMPIRE COIN CLUB reelected its 2009 officers at its December meeting, and they are **Merle Avila**, president; **Lee H. Gong**, vice president; **Kurt Ginter**, treasurer; and **Dr. Charles Catlett**, secretary. At this same meeting, there was a junior-only auction: "all the kids received RECC Bucks for

bidding, and they had 77 donated lots to bid. Lee H. Gong did an excellent job as the organizer and auctioneer, and he had help from **David Avila** and **Richard Wright**. Many thanks to all who donated items to this fun auction." Among the treats at this gathering were Merle 'Santa Claus' Avila and desserts. In the prior TCN, the *2008 Helen and Roy Roberts Benefit Auction* were summarized. The specific amount for the 2008 auction was $506.50, with a total of $4490 for all prior eight annual auctions. Not bad!

PENINSULA COIN CLUB reports that long-time member and activist **Fred G. van den Haak** is recuperating from a major knee operation: "we wish a speedy recovery form knee replacement surgery to our beloved member Fred G. van den Haak. Rumor has it that they—Stanford University Hospital—melted down 20-guilder coins for his new knee!" No way, Fred!

ORANGE COUNTY ANCIENT COIN CLUB'S program in January was presented by **Ken Baumheckel** who spoke on the *Achaemenid Persian Empire*. Members were asked to bring questions and/or coins relevant to this topic. **Roy Iwata** presented his program to this club rather than the ACCLA in my last report. Sorry, Roy!

NORTHROP GRUMMAN COIN CLUB members were thrilled by the interesting presentation by **ANA President Barry Stuppler** on the current and future activities and events at the November meeting. December's program will be the holiday party and member show and tell. **Larry Buck** brought in a barbecued turkey for all to enjoy and other members brought in cakes, pies and other goodies. Larry plays Santa Claus for the annual numismatic gift exchange. **Phil Iversen** taught everyone with his *Grading Clinic* in January. Members speaking about their favorite numismatic book will be the featured program in February.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION honored **Donald S. Ehlers** and **Briita M. Ehlers** last December with its coveted Miller Medal. The Vallejo Numismatic Society has accepted hosting the Nor-Cal VIII Coin Show this September 26 and 27, 2009 in Vallejo, California, at the Vallejo Elks' Lodge #559. Information about this Nor-Cal Show may be contacted via PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410. At this same post office box, complimentary copies of its three-times-a-year *NCNA Heads And Tales* may be requested.

LOCKHEED COIN CLUB had an esteemed visitor in February. **David Lisot** of Heritage Auction Galleries provided a question and answer opportunity for the lucky members. **Phil Iversen** presented the program in January on *Coins with Special Significance* which was enjoyed by all.

LIBERTY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY elected its 2009 officers, and they are: **Gene Hoy**, president; **Bill Hurja**, vice president; **Ken Fowler**, treasurer; and

Dr. Regan Shea, secretary. The vice presidency was the most difficult position to fill: "Bill Hurja agreed to fill the VP office that has remained vacant since it was last held by Gordon R. Donnell back in 2007. Already busy attending at least a half of dozen local coin clubs, Bill agreed to take on a bit more. Thanks for stepping-up, Bill!" At the society's year-ending December meeting, "the much anticipated drawing for the special member attendance prize yielded the name of Gene Hoy. No doubt, Gene's perfect 2008 attendance aided his chances to win the 1999-dated 1/10th ounce gold eagle prize." But, not to be out-done, "Bill Hurja cleaned-up a pot of ten Kennedy half dollars in the *Coin of the Month* drawing." Jim Rosen began the LNS' 2009 year at its January meeting with *Small Size United States Five Dollar Notes*, and the *Coin of the Month* drawing was seeded with a circulated Series 1995 Star Note from the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago donated by the speaker.

INTERNATIONAL NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF SAN DIEGO'S November meeting covered the broad fields of *Exonumia*. Tokens, medals, phone cards, financial papers, etc were all subjects of **Ken Aring's** slide presentation on this fascinating subject. Coco's was the site for the installation dinner in January. **Albertus Hoogeveen** presented his program *A Tour of the Utrecht Mint*, which he visited. He also displayed his complete gold type set of the coins minted there. Ken Aring will present the February program on *China and the Far East*.

HEMET NUMISMATISTS had their *White Elephant Sale* at the November meeting and garnered $108. The Christmas luncheon was held at the City Buffet in San Jacinto. **Albertus Hoogeveen** spoke in November on *Lewis and Clark Westward Journey*. The new officers are **President Jim Phillips**, **Vice Presiden, Ken Busby**, **Secretary Dot Williams**, and **Treasurer Bob Kozel**. Angus Bruce presented the January program with his talk on *Continental Currency*. **Adele Lyczak** received a prize for selling NASC gold drawing tickets.

HEARTLAND COIN CLUB members all enjoyed their annual Christmas party held at the lovely New Frontier Mobile Home Park. The club's famed chef, **Carl Sandburg**, provided ham and roast beef. Members brought dishes to share and donated items for the *White Elephant Sale*. Also featured was an extra large drawing of valuable and desirable coins including a 10 korona gold coin from Hungary and a 1/10th ounce American eagle. New officers will be installed at Tyler's Taste of Texas in February. They are **President Ken Stempien**, **1st Vice President Lee Darnell**, **2nd Vice President Joe Swinko**, **Treasurer Vince Kohlbecker**, **Secretary Ginny Bourke** and **Junior Vice President, Cole Schenewerk**.

GREATER ORANGE COUNTY COIN CLUB members enjoyed **Jeff Stahl's** presentation on *Coins of the Mexican Revolution*. December's meeting featured the club's annual potluck. In January, the annual club banquet was held at the Moonlight Pizza & Chicken Restaurant in Fountain Valley. **Phil Iversen** pre-

sented a slide show on the Lewis and Clark Exposition held in Portland, Oregon in 1905 with his incredible collection of memorabilia from that world's fair. **Mike Ontko** presented the February program *Apres Nous, Le Deluge: Coins Of Louis XV*.

GLENDALE COIN CLUB'S members are really busy this quarter and forgot to send me their newsletter.

GATEWAY COIN CLUB ended 2008 with its annual Christmas dinner this past December at Merced's Cool Hand Luke's. A nice attendance graced the annual gathering. The GCC is among a few local coin clubs, around our state and across our nation, that has an annual contest to predict the year-ending quotes for gold and silver: "at our January meeting, we will make our annual predictions about gold and silver prices for the year." Sidebar: several coin clubs out of state do this and make it something really interesting with a nice prize or two.

FRESNO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY Randy Clifton, editor of the FNS' monthly *Fresno Numismatist*, presented something interesting—which he usually does—in the January issue: "even my favorite series, coins from the Carson City Mint, that have been hot for the last few years are adjusting themselves and stagnating price-wise. Now, I believe there to be one exception, the 'CC' half dollar. If I were to give any advice that anyone would listen to, I would say buy 'CC' half dollars, any date, any grade. Carson City half dollars are, for some reason, hard to come by. But, you can find these half dollars. The rare dates, like the 1870, 1874, and 1878, are pricey, but the more common dates of 1875, 1876, and 1877 are more affordable getting nice extremely fine." Now, you can say a local coin club newsletter editor cannot provide numismatic market advice! In fact, Randy continues with "anyone else has advice or a forecast as to numismatics in 2009 and the future?" Share these with others at the next monthly Fresno Numismatic Society meetings."

FREMONT COIN CLUB had this in **Editor Matthrew Hutchison's** January *Double Eagle*: "It was the night before coin club and all through the room not a quarter was standing beyond the market's boom. The binders were stacked on the shelves with great care, all filled with such treasures as key and die pair. Just over the mantle with Liberty's Seat, the freshly framed fortress was dusted and neat. Bright twinkling tree lights streaked off mint ornaments and shown down on mint sets wrapped up as presents. A knock on the door gave my ears a surprise, as loved ones appeared and filled up my bright eyes. Each one came in briskly all wrapped up in glee, and jockeyed for seats that were close to the tree. Through carols and stories, we bonded much more, than presents and tinsel could ever hope for. And, so I will wish you all the peace, joy, and love. Enjoy all the gifts that were sent from above." Wow, we have a poet among Northern California newsletter/bulletin editors! **Donald S. Ehlers** and **Briita M. Ehlers** were honored last December with the coveted Miller Medal from the Northern

California Numismatic Association, as presented by **NCNA President Harry W. Davis** before the monthly FCC meeting. Congratulations, Don and Briita!

FAIRFIELD COIN CLUB elected this past January its new executive officers, and they are, **Robert W. Belleau, Sr.**, president; **William F. Bartz**, vice president; **Jon-Maria Marish**, secretary; and **Kevin Quenqa**, treasurer. **Harry W. Davis**, president of the Northern California Numismatic Association did the honors and installed these officers at the same meeting. Earlier, at the Joint Christmas Party with its neighbors, the Vallejo Numismatic Society, last December, several FCC members were honored: **Dr. Rodney W. Baker** and Robert W. Belleau, Sr., were presented the esteemed President's Medal from NCNA President Harry W. Davis, Robert was also bestowed the Service Medal from the Vallejo Numismatic Society, and the Joint Plaque, from both FCC and the Vallejo Numismatic Society, went to Jon-Maria Marish. At this annual gathering with attendance of 85+, there were enough door prizes for everyone plus a second "go-through."

DOWNEY COIN CLUB'S program in November was *My Favorite Coin*. **Albertus Hoogeveen** presented the October program *My Years Collecting Copper; Silver and Gold. Coin-O* will be the January program. **Ron Monahan** won the Eisenhower dollar for the *Show and Tell* at the November meeting.

DIABLO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY elected its 2009 executive officers, and they are, **James W. Laird**, president; **John P. Russell, Jr.**, vice president; **Bradford E. Lee**, secretary; and **William J. Green**, treasurer. These were also installed into by your assistant editor during the club's annual Christmas dinner, held at upscale and exclusive Zio Fredo's in Pleasant Hill. **Michael S. Turrini** swore in the new officers and directors to serve the society for the next year. He presented a coin to each officer that is to be passed on to the next officer to fill the position, once the current officer leaves the position: James H. Laird-Madison dollar, John P. Russell, Jr.-Jackson dollar, Bradford E. Lee-Monroe dollar, and William J. Green-Adams Dollar. The directors received Jefferson Lewis and Clark five cents. A large formal-dress crowd attended and enjoyed the evening, coordinated by William J. Green. The evening included a major drawing, no-host bar, and seasonal gifts to all present. Earlier, at the November meeting, John presented one of his well-received audience participation *Coin Grading Clinics*.

DELTA COIN CLUB elected its 2009 executive officers: **Thomas W. Jackson**, president; **Theodore Garber**, vice president; **Loris Enzminger**, treasurer; **Luella Griep**, recording secretary; and **Sydney Kass**, corresponding secretary; and **Michael S. Turrini**, wearing his cap as the ANA Representative Program's national coordinator, installed these at the club's annual dinner this past January at The Old Spaghetti Factory in Stockton. Earlier, the DCC was honored with a visit by **Clifford L. Mishler**, from Iola, Wisconsin, at its December meeting: "the evening started with a pot-luck dinner with fried chicken, etc. To top-off the

evening, it was good food and lots of talking with our guest of honor. Following dinner, Clifford talked about his early days in numismatics as a child and growing into his later years as a career...it was a great event and lots of good friendship with Cliff's second visit to the Delta Coin Club with special thanks to Michael S. Turrini, for making the arrangements and doing the chauffeuring." Going back to the club's November meeting, Michael attended and addressed the group. He had a large table full of assorted items—books, coins, awards, pictures, etc.—and the members could pick out whatever they wanted him to talk about. They chose a plaque from the Canadian Numismatic Association.

CUPERTINO COIN CLUB began its 2009 year with a talk on *Aluminum World Coins*, at its January meeting, which was described as "all your questions on aluminum coins were answered." The CCC ended 2008 with its annual Christmas party this past December, with "special thanks to **Pearl** and **Alvin Lo** for picking-up those famous Togo's sandwiches" as well as others. **Lyle Okamoto**, the CCC's monthly newsletter, *Coin Press*, editor, doubled as Santa Claus at this festive gathering: "the jolly fellow from the north arrived with Christmas cheer for all! Ho! Ho! Ho! All the good boys and girls received candy canes form Santa. Your editor had to step out of the meeting room, for a call of nature, and was sad to have missed Santa...fortunately, one member asked Santa for an extra candy cane, so there was a treat when I returned to the room." Now, readers: Lyle played Santa Claus and later confided with your assistant editor it was a great time and lots of laughs for him. The CCC has an official website, and it is www.CupertinoCoinClub.com.

CULVER CITY COIN CLUB has a new website: www.CulverCityCoinClub.org and **Stephen G.** was thanked for his efforts for setting this up. *Coin-O* was featured at the December meeting. **Vice President John Forrey** has been recovering from a triple bypass heart operation and everyone is glad to see back at the meetings. Billy's Deli and Café in Torrance was the setting for the installation of new officers **President Garn Anderson**, **Vice President Richard Navarro**, **Secretary/Editor Jack von Bloeker**, and **Treasurer George Gill**.

COVINA COIN CLUB celebrated their 51st year at their annual Christmas party. Members brought goodies to share and even Santa showed up to distribute gifts. The members all look forward to the annual dice game. The new officers installed are **President John Lear**, **Vice President Bill Nash**, **Secretary Helen Desens**, and **Treasurer Mo Fitzgerald**. Members are working hard preparing for their annual Coin-A-Rama on April 26, at the Masonic Center in Arcadia. Bill Nash provided the program in January using a TAMS slide show on *Hard Times Tokens* which was very informative.

COINEERS'S theme for *Show and Tell* in November was *Woman on Coins*. December featured the annual Christmas party potluck. The theme was *Sports and Military Figures* as well as a *White Elephant Sale*. New officers were

installed at the Great Moon Buffet Restaurant in January. They are **President Barry Farris**, **Secretary Paul Michalewicz**, **Vice President Edmund Lee**, and **Treasurer Andrew Woodruff**. Member **Joan Noga** recently turned 93, a just reason for celebration.

CHULA VISTA COIN CLUB had a very successful donation auction in November. December they enjoyed their annual Christmas potluck. The Olive Garden was the setting of the installation dinner where the new officers were installed: **President Dave Jones**, **Vice President Lynn Scheuer**, **Treasurer Steve Fahrlender**, and **Secretary Ginny Bourke**.

CALIFORNIA EXONUMIST SOCIETY gathered in San Jose this past January for its semiannual meeting. **Robert E. Sather** talked about the *Norse-American Commemoratives* of 1925, particularly the famous thick and thin silver octagon medals, which he displayed along with other rare issues of this commemorative. His talk was supplemented with a prepared complimentary pamphlet, free to those attending. This meeting held a special fund-raising auction, which generated $167, from 52 donated lots. The auctioneers were **Michael S. Turrini** and **Ronald Ishizaki**, with recorders being **Catherine Edgerton Lenker** and **Fredyis Grant**, and runner's duties with **Virginia L. Bourke**. Sidebar: the CES is anticipating another fund-raising auction for its August gathering at the Golden State Coin Show, in Arcadia. Donations would be welcomed and may be mailed to PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410. Requests for a complimentary copy of its quarterly *Medallion* may be contacted at the same post office box.

ANCIENT COIN CLUB OF LOS ANGELES thanked outgoing **President Bob Effler** for his hard work and installed new officers at their annual potluck. They are **President Mark Westerline**, **Vice President Roger Burry**, **Treasurer Barry Rightman**, and **Secretary David Stepsay**. **Randy Butler** provided Part 4 of his travels in Turkey slide presentation. The club recently celebrated their 40th anniversary with a special program presented by renowned numismatist and author, **David Sear**.

ALAMEDA COIN CLUB honored **Gordon R. Donnell**, with a nice plaque recently: "we thanked him for his many years of service to our club." **Stephen M. Huston** visited the club's January meeting and shared "a bronze coin of the Ptolemy Egyptian Kings which was struck large to bring its value up to silver's value," and at this same meeting new member **Ken Barre** "brought a One Hundred Billion Dollar Note from Zimbabwe that because of the country's inflation was only legal tender until December 31, 2008." The *Coin's of the Month* for the January meeting were all won by Robert G. Sturn, who doubles as the ACC's monthly newsletter, *Thick and Thin Times*, editor. The ACC's monthly attendance has been increasing, and fellow coin hobbyists are welcomed to visit "the island coin club." Telephone 510-796-1225.

Directory of Member Clubs

Changes should be sent by a club officer via mail to the applicable association's corresponding secretary. CSNA and NASC membership status is indicated in parentheses at the end of each club's listing.

Alameda Coin Club—meets 1st Tuesday, 6:45 p.m., Alameda Free Library, 1550 Oak Street, Alameda; mailing address: P.O. Box 1763, Alameda, CA 94501. (CSNA)

Bay Cities Coin Club—meets 1st Saturday, 1:00 p.m., meetings held at members homes; mailing address: P.O. Box 5207, Sherman Oaks, CA 91413-5207. (NASC)

Brentwood Coin Club—meets 1st Thursday, 7:00 p.m., Raley's Food Center (staff room by the Pharmacy), 2400 Sand Creek Rd., Brentwood; mailing address: P.O. Box 1237, Brentwood, CA 94513; e-mail: Collectors@CoinClub.cc. (CSNA)

California Exonumist Society—meets twice a year during the semi-annual CSNA Conventions; mailing address: Michael S. Turrini, P.O. Box 4104, Vallejo, CA 94590-0410; e-mail: EmperorI@juno.com. (NASC, CSNA)

California State Numismatic Association—meets twice a year during CSNA conventions at various locations; mailing address: Stephen Huston, P.O. Box 1388, Alameda, CA 94501; e-mail: ask@numorum.com; Web site: www.calcoin.org. (NASC, CSNA)

Chula Vista Coin Club—meets 1st Thursday, 7:00 p.m., Norman Park Senior Center, 270 F Street, Chula Vista; mailing address: 10601 Vista Camino, Lakeside, CA 92040. (CSNA)

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Covina Coin Club—meets 3rd Wednesday, 8:00 p.m., American Legion Post 888, 1436 N. Hollenback Ave.; mailing address: Helen Desens, 282 W. Bygrove St., Covina, CA 91722. (NASC, CSNA)

Culver City Coin Club—meets 2nd Thursday, 7:00 p.m., El Segundo Library, 111 W. Mariposa Ave., El Segundo (west of Sepulveda; south of LAX); mailing address: Steve Demmer, P.O. Box 813, Culver City, CA 90232. (NASC)

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Downey Numismatists—meets 4th Monday, 7:30 p.m., Downey Retirement Center, 11500 Dolan Ave., Downey; mailing address: Albertus Hoogeveen, P.O. Box 222, Downey, CA 90241. (NASC)

Fairfield Coin Club—meets 4th Wednesday (except December), 7:00 p.m., Grace Episcopal Church, Parish Hall #1, corner of First and Kentucky Streets, Fairfield; mailing address: P.O. Box 944, Fairfield, CA 94533-0094. (CSNA)

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Glendale Coin Club—meets 2nd Friday, 7:30 p.m., CitiBank, 2350 Honolulu Blvd., Glendale; mailing address: GCC, c/o Yahalom, P.O. Box 3637, Thousand Oaks, CA 91359-3637; Web site: www.GlenCoin.com. (NASC, CSNA)

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Heartland Coin Club—meets 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Bostonia Park Recreation Building, 1049 Bostonia St., El Cajon; mailing address: Lee Darnell, 1728 San Vicente Road, Ramona, CA 92065; e-mail: jyjoylee@pacbell.net. (NASC)

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International Numismatic Society of San Diego—meets 4th Wednesday, 6:15 p.m., North Park Recreational Center, 4044 Idaho, San Diego; mailing address: P.O. Box 161081, San Diego, CA 92176. (CSNA)

Leisure World Coin Club—meets 2nd Wednesday, 1:30 p.m., Clubhouse No. 3, Room 2, Seal Beach Leisure World; mailing address: Austin Overholtz, 1331 Pelham Road, #67A, Seal Beach, CA 90740. (NASC)

Liberty Numismatic Society—meets 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Millbrae City Library, 1 Library Avenue, Millbrae; mailing address: P.O. Box 300, Millbrae, CA 94030-0300; Web site: www.lns-coinclub.org. (CSNA)

Lockheed Coin Club—meets 1st Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Joslyn Center (Nutrition Room), 1301 W. Olive Ave., Burbank; mailing address: c/o Don Fujitani, 215 Cedar Heights Drive, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360. (NASC)

Long Beach Coin Club—meets 1st Monday, 7:00 p.m., Millikan High School Cafeteria, 2800 Snowden Ave., Long Beach; mailing address: P.O. Box 8101, Long Beach, CA 90808. (NASC, CSNA)

Northern California Numismatic Association—meets in annually during Nor-Cal coin shows in various communities; mailing address: Michael S. Turrini, P.O. Box 4104, Vallejo, CA 94590-0410; e-mail: Emperorl@juno.com. (NASC, CSNA)

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Numismatic Association of Southern California—meets four times per year (see Web site); mailing address: Harold Katzman, P.O. Box 3382, Tustin, CA 92781-3382; e-mail: haroldkatzman@yahoo.com; Web site: www.NASC.net. (NASC, CSNA)

Oceanside-Carlsbad Coin Club—meets 2nd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Encinitas Community Center, 1140 Oakcrest Park Dr., Encinitas; mailing address: c/o Eblen, 1772 Caliban Drive, Encinitas, CA 92024. (NASC, CSNA)

Orange County Ancient Coin Club—meets 4th Saturday; 1:30 p.m., Fountain Valley Public Library, 17635 Los Alamos St., Fountain Valley; mailing address: Roy Iwata (OCACC), P.O. Box 2449, Seal Beach, CA 90740-1449; Web site: www.socalcoins.com/OCACC.htm. (CSNA)

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society—meets 4th Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Fort Mason Center, Building C, San Francisco; mailing address: P.O. Box 457656, San Francisco, CA 94147-5656; Web site: www.pcns.org. (CSNA)

Peninsula Coin Club—meets 2nd Monday, 7:15 p.m., Sept-Jun meets at Jane Leland Standord Middle School, Room 140, 408 East Meadow Dr., Palo Alto; July-Aug meets at Palo Alto Elks Lodge, #1471, Board Room, 4229 El Camino Blvd., Palo Alto; mailing address: P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, CA 94306-0484; Web site: www.stanford.edu/~clint/pcc. (CSNA)

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Sacramento Valley Coin Club—meets 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 5026 Don Julio Blvd., North Highlands; mailing address: P.O. Box 160122, Sacramento, CA 95816; Web site: www.sacvalcc.org. (NASC, CSNA)

San Bernardino County Coin Club—meets 3rd Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Highland Senior Center, 3102 E. Highland Ave., Highland, CA; mailing address: P.O. Box 2745, San Bernardino, CA 92406. (NASC, CSNA)

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San Diego Numismatic Society—meets 1st Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., North Park Adult Center, 2719 Howard St., San Diego; mailing address: Lenker, P.O. Box 6909, San Diego, CA 92166-6909. (NASC, CSNA)

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San Jose Coin Club—meets 2nd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., American Legion Hall, Post #318, 1504 Minnesota Avenue, San Jose; mailing address: P.O. Box 5621, San Jose, CA 95150-5621; Web site: www.sanjosecoinclub.org. (CSNA)

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March 22	**44th Annual Coin Show** (Van Nuys), Verdugo Hills Coin Club, Van Nuys Masonic Hall, 14750 Sherman Way, Bob Thompson, (818) 249-1237. Bobcat237@sbcglobal.net.
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April 2-5	**Coin, Stamp & Collectibles Expo** (Santa Clara), Convention Center, 5001 Great American Parkway, (805) 962-9939, scshow@exposunlimited.com.
April 17-18	**Sacramento Coin Show**, Red Lion Inn (next to Sears), 1401 Arden Way, Peter McIntosh, (916) 317-9055, mcintoshcoins@yahoo.com.
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April 26	**48Th Annual Coin-o-rama** (Arcadia), Covina Coin Club, Masonic Center, 50 W. Duarte Rd., Carol Franks, cococom@earthlink.net. Free parking!
May 3	**37Th Annual Vallejo Coin Show**, Vallejo Numismatic Society, Vallejo Elks Lodge, 2850 Redwood Parkway, information: (707) 642-0216 or (707) 547-0518, EMPERORI@juno.com, Free admission & parking!
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June 7	**North County Monthly Coin Show** (Anaheim), Embassy Suites Hotel, 3100 Frontera St. (91 Fwy at Glassell St.), Jerry Atkinson, (562) 225-2166.
June 14	**Coin Show** (Van Nuys), Van Nuys Masonic Hall, 14750 Sherman Way, Richard Murachanian, (661) 287-1651, ramrarecoins@yahoo.com. Free parking!
June 18-20	**So. CA Coin & Jewelry Show** (Ontario), Convention Center, 2000 E. Convention Way, CK Shows, (888) 330-5188, info@ckshows.com. Free admission.
July 11-12	**Modesto Coin, Stamp & Collectibles Show**, Stanislaus County Coin Club, Modesto Centre Plaza, (10th and K Streets), Sandy Woodward, (209) 668-3682.
July 12	**North County Monthly Coin Show** (Anaheim), Embassy Suites Hotel, 3100 Frontera St. (91 Fwy at Glassell St.), Jerry Atkinson, (562) 225-2166.
July 18-19	**52nd Annual Coinarama** (San Diego), San Diego County Inter-Club Numismatic Council, Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 1895 Camino Del Rio South (Mission Valley), Kay Lenker (619) 222-8739 or Ginny Bourke (619) 390-0047. Free parking!
July 25-26	**37th Annual Coin Show** (Fremont), Fremont Coin Club, Elk's Lodge, 38991 Farwell Dr., Info (925) 792-1511, Vince LaCariere, coinvince@aol.com.
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August 5-9	**ANA 118th Anniversary Convention** (Los Angeles), World's Fair of Money, Los Angeles Convention Center (West Hall "A"), 1201 S. Figueroa St., American Numismatic Association, convention@money.org, (800) 367-9723.
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Fifty Years Ago

• *Calcoin News* published every member's mailing address. Can you imagine the security and privacy concern this would bring in today's world? While some of the addresses were post office boxes (which would keep the member's home address private) the majority were street addresses, and I assume they were largely residences as opposed to the member's business address.

• "After studying the well-to-do..., I am led to believe if one wishes to make a living he must work hard; if he wants to get rich, he must attack the problem from an entirely different angle."

Twenty-Five Years Ago

• *The NASC Quarterly* carried a reprint of Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley's ornately detailed proclamation of January 23-28, 1984 as "Numismatic Salute to the L.A. Olympics Week." This was in recognition of NASC's "International 29th Convention."

• *Calcoin News* editor, Virginia Hall, breathed a sigh of relief as she announced that CSNA had managed to make recovery plans for their convention then coming up in five months, after the originally planned venue hotel had burned! The Cathedral Hill (previously named the Jack Tar Hotel) suffered damages requiring substantial reconstruction, but helped CSNA to find an alternate hotel, the newly built Hotel Meridian.

Ten Years Ago

• CSNA President Joel Anderson commented on the exciting new 50 state quarter program the mint had announced. Now that the program's complete (I have my set, do you have yours?) what do you think? Was it as successful as we anticipated? Do you think it introduced a significant number of new people to the fun of coin collecting as a hobby?

• *The NASC Quarterly* ran a piece by Walt Ostromecki regarding the fourth "Hobby Improvement Workshop" held in Long Beach. One speaker in particular seemed positively prescient. Referring to the use of the Internet, Timothy Kochuba remarked, "there is a vast untapped wide base of potential collectors out there. What are coin clubs doing to reach out to them? The day is coming when coin collecting hobbyists will meet and discuss the hobby via the Internet. Traveling to a monthly coin club meeting location may become *a thing of the past"* [emphasis added]. Well, I'm not sure just where it's going, but the Internet train certainly is carrying a lot of passengers, many away from their local clubs.

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